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MYSTERY OF MONTH'S DISAPPEARANCE SOLVED

TWO REBEL PLANES SHOT DOWN

Valencia, To-day.
Two Spanish rebel planes were shot down near here yesterday, says an official announcement. Papers found on the bodies of the five members of the crew of one aeroplane proved them to be Italians. The other plane was brought down over the sea.—Trans-Ocean.

THOUSANDS MOWED DOWN AT TAZANG

Shanghai, 1.30 p.m. To-day.
In claiming the capture of Tazang at ten o'clock this morning after an all-night battle, a Japanese official communique states that the Japanese troops were ordered to take the ruins of the town regardless of cost, and admits that "thousands were mowed down by the Chinese machine-guns."

The Ishii Brigade and the Yasumi and Oshima Regiments, which led the final assault in a hundred-metre dash against a line bristling with machine-gun nests, were severely cut up, and report more than fifty per cent. casualties.

Hand-to-hand fighting raged for more than an hour after they reached the Chinese trench system.—Our Own Correspondent.

Li Shun, an office cleaner, was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment by Mr. R. Edwards for the theft of a fountain pen from the desk of Mr. D. L. Ballantyne of the Chase Bank. Defendant took the pen while cleaning the office and was arrested attempting to pawn it.

TAKEN TO FORMOSA: SHIP HELD BUT CREW FREED

Seizure by a Japanese cruiser of a Hong Kong-bound steamer commanded by a foreigner understood to be of German nationality, flying the Panaman flag and registered in Panama, although Chinese-owned, was revealed to the "China Mail" to-day after a complete unexplained disappearance of the ship for nearly a month.

The vessel, the Tchekan, left Tourane for Hong Kong on September 29 and was never seen or heard of again until a few days ago when, as a result of enquiries made by the wife of the master, Captain S. Hamman, special enquiries were instituted which brought a message from Formosa announcing that Captain Hamman was well and likely to be returned.

Prior to that the owners had sought the co-operation of the British naval authorities and a look-out had been kept for the Tchekan by British naval craft without result.

It was assumed by the owners that the ship had been seized by the Japanese blockade ships, although the possibility was envisaged that she had foundered during a typhoon which raged through the Gulf of Tongking round about the time of the voyage.

STORY OF SEIZURE

Story of the seizure of the ship was revealed for the first time by the safe return from Formosa in the "Hong Kong Maru" yesterday of Captain Hamman, who is understood to be of German nationality, the Danish Chief Engineer of the ship and the crew of 50 Chinese.

She left Tourane on September 29, was hailed by a large Japanese cruiser on October 1 at about 2.30 p.m. exchanging signals with her regarding her nationality, ownership, cargo etc. (the cargo consisting of a large consignment of live-stock for Hong Kong).

The cruiser appeared to be satisfied at first, but followed the Tchekan steadily and at 8.30 p.m. on October 1 put a boarding party on the ship. She was then searched,

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JAPANESE ADMIT SHANSI DIFFICULTIES

Peiping, To-day.

A Japanese spokesman said to-day that a small Japanese force pushing westward had attained a position inside Niangtzekuan Pass, but that Chinese troops, having made a detour through the hills north and south of the pass, were hampering the general Japanese advance.

Guerilla warfare is going on incessantly, he added.

Meanwhile, the Chinese, who were recently pushed back to the Hsinkow Mountains, north of Tai-ruanfu, have launched a vigorous counter-attack, according to a Japanese military communique which claims that they were repulsed.—Reuter.

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Designed for dancing are the swirling hems of the more romantic evening gowns. Voluminous skirts of net and taffeta or airy mousseline or chiffon, float from close fitting bodices to revive sentimental waltzes under summer skies.

The super sheath or slim narrow silhouette cannot compete with the romantic silhouette on the dance floor. This season you don't have to struggle with a train or mince your steps in a hobble skirt. Full skirts leave you free to waltz turn, spin and dip to your partner's lead.

Unlike the bouffant styling of past seasons, the new formal gowns avoid bunchiness around the waist hips. Their snug bodices, many with halter necklines and deep décolletés, and their smooth hip lines maintain the impression of a slim figure.

FOR THE YOUNG

For the adventurous young the shorter evening gown, anywhere from ankle length to ten inches from the floor, has ballerina charm if the ankles and feet are pretty and the dancing slippers worth exposing.

Colour rhythms are recorded in ombre chiffon that crescendos to jade green; in rainbow net that diffuses blue, yellow and rose over a turquoise slip; in printed taffeta bursting with colourful bouquets, or black taffeta with roses for tender sentiment, or navy net and taffeta with a corsage of purple and white lilacs.

Pick-up Sticks Pudding

Melt a half-pound cake of sweet milk chocolate in top of double boiler. When cool add the yolks of three eggs, slightly beaten, then half a cup of cream. When blended fold in the beaten whites. Serve from a glass bowl with a picket fence arrangement of lady-finger sticks for a border. Top each portion with whipped cream.

This weather at the end of summer is probably the worst enemy of hair beauty. If one's hair is in perfect condition and has had a recent permanent wave, then one may get by all right. But those of us who had our hair waved at the beginning of summer and have done a certain amount of sea-bathing are usually in despair about our locks just now.

This is the time for a few re-conditioning treatments. In fact, to neglect the scalp and hair at this time of the year may lead to a great many hair troubles. For instance, that dankness at the hair roots is a danger signal. It means that the oil glands are sluggish, and that the circulation of the scalp is in need of stimulation.

You must overcome your fear of disturbing and brushing your waved head if you want a healthy scalp and lustrous hair.

The trouble is that so many girls cannot afford to go more often to the hairdresser for a setting, and this, they feel, will be necessary if they start a series of brushing and massage treatments. Learn, then, to handle your own hair cleverly, but whatever happens, do not sacrifice your hair health, or you will regret it later.

Massage of the scalp must be vigorous. There is no use in just rubbing the skin. You must press deeply with the fingertips and lift and rotate the scalp, so that it moves freely over the bones of the head. Start first on the forehead and temples, working towards the crown of the head, and then do the same things upwards, from the nape of the neck and behind the ears.

THOROUGH SHAMPOO

After five minutes of this massage, the hair must be thoroughly brushed, strand by strand, until every inch of the head tingles. You should find time for this brushing and massage every night for a few weeks. It will make a wonderful improvement in the appearance of your hair in quite a short time.

Now for a tonic of some kind. Needless to say, one containing both spirit and oil is best, because the spirit stimulates and the oil feeds the hair roots. It should be well rubbed in after the brushing and massage. If it is applied with care, it need not get on to the hair too much, though, of course, after a few days of this treatment, the hair will need washing, and will be the better for it.

Shampoo the head twice a week, using plenty of hot running water and a liquid shampoo.

HOME SETTING

If neither money nor time permits that extra visit to the setting parlour, follow these directions and you will find it quite easy to manage your waves yourself.

Buy a good setting lotion, and apply it while the hair is still damp from the shampoo.

Now comb the hair smoothly and put the waves into place, as you have seen the hairdresser do, by pressing the wave flat to the head with the fingers while you comb the hair in the opposite direction. Then press the setting combs into waves. Turn up the ends quite wet, and pin them with fine pins. Cover the whole head with a hair net and dry it in a warm sun.

SUN BEST DRYING AGENT

Do not go too near a fire with combs in your hair, as they may be inflammable. The sun is best as a drying agent, whenever possible.

When your hair is quite dry, comb out the waves carefully and turn the ends over your finger with a fine comb.

A touch of brilliantine will give it a wonderful shine, and will help a home setting, but use brilliantine very sparingly if your hair is fine in texture.

Remember that hats for the autumn threaten to be more shallow than ever, so be ready to welcome them by acquiring hair beauty now.

—Clelia.

Shoes For The Sturdy

The idea of ensembling accessories that has been worked out to such a fine point by shoe stores catering to the young and slender has now been taken up by a shop that makes shoes for those who need stronger, more supporting footwear. Bags and gloves in the same leather combinations as shoes are now available for heavier women. More attention has been paid, too, to styling the shoes. Graceful lines that make shoes look smaller have been incorporated.

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Work For Dietitians

The girl who becomes a dietitian follows an interesting, not overcrowded, and well-paid profession during her unmarried days, and takes knowledge of a most valuable kind into her married life.

Doctors are attaching increasing importance to diet in the treatment of all kinds of sickness. Consequently, meals in many hospitals and large nursing homes tend more and more to be ruled by a scientific knowledge of the caloric values of foods. And it is the dietitian, an important member of the staff working under the doctor's instructions, who rules in the kitchen.

Following the example of the hospitals, many large hotels, particularly at health resorts, are adding a dietitian to their staff, while several large boarding schools have realised the wisdom of following the same course, recognising that much of a child's ability to study hard and yet not outgrow his or her strength depends upon a well-balanced diet.

The girl who has matriculated, is fond of home cookery and has a scientific cast of mind, is likely to be successful in this profession. If she wins her science degree, all the better for her chance of a really important post after she has taken a course of special studies on food values and balanced diets at some good centre.

Many girls from the Dominions combine these studies in England with an ordinary course of Domestic Science, and afterwards fill well-paid posts in their own countries, for all over the European-speaking world the importance of working right food values into the everyday menu is being recognised.



FOR INSECT BITES AND STINGS.

Bites and stings are irritating in the extreme and the temptation to scratch often outweighs better judgment. But it is, courting trouble to do this, for dirt may easily get into the place and blood-poisoning result. Better by far to treat the trouble wisely by applying She-ko. This antiseptic, fragrant ointment, composed of a blend of curative ingredients, soothes, cools and quickly heals. Keep a tin of She-ko handy in the home. She-ko is equally good for cuts, scratches, abrasions, burns, scalds, and for skin complaints such as eczema, ringworm, wet and dry sores, boils, pimples, and for external piles. Chemists everywhere can supply.

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Idylle Bretonne (J. Gennin).
Fluttering Birds (J. Gennin).
Orchestra.
The Merry Middles (R. Brooks).
Xylophone Duet by W. W. Bennett and Ernst Stanley accompanied by Orchestra.
1250 p.m.—Dennis Noble (Baritone).
She Shall Have Music (Brandon & Murray).
Just Me An' Mary (Parr & Murray).
Passing By (Herrick & Purcell).
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.
Waltz Of Russian Melodies (Composer Unknown).
Beauty Waltz (Composer Unknown).
Russian Novelty Orchestra.
Sweetest Of All.
Golden Rain (Waldteufel).
Orchestra Mascotte.
1.15 p.m.—Reginald Dixon at the Organ.
With Sword And Lance—March.

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Naughty Marietta—Film Selection (Herbert).
Mississippi—Film Selection (Rodgers).
Dixon Hits No. 2.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Variety.
Piano w. Orch.—
"Monte Carlo"—Medley (Robin Whiting & Harling).
"Whoopee"—Medley (Khan & Donaldson).
Katie Da Costa assisted by the Night Club Kings.
Novelty—
Thar's Gold In Dem Thar Hills (Connor & Lisbona).
Headin' Home (film "Here Comes the Band")....The Hill Billies.
Vocal—
Lost My Rhythm, Lost My Music.
Lost My Man (film "Soft Lights & Sweet Music").
I'm A Fool For Loving You (Wendling-Lewis)....Dinah Miller.
Banjo—Joy Dance (Kirby).
Ernest Jones.

Vocal—
The Legionaires (Warner & Warner).
Sally The Circus Queen (Weston & Lee).
Warner and Darnell.
Orchestra w. Chorus—
I Like Bananas Because They Have No Bones (Yacich).
Wah Hoo! (Friend).
The Original Hoosier Hot Shots.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-11 p.m.—European Programme.
7 p.m.—Variety.
Orchestra—Flor. Gitana (Ferraris).
Don Rico & His Gypsy Girls Orch.
Novelty—Daybreak At A Surrey Farm.....Birds and Animals.
Vocal—
On Top Of A Bus (Hilda Carr-Arden).
We Agree Perfectly (David Coats).
Len Bérmon.
They Can't Take That Away From Me.
Let's Call The Whole Thing Off (Film "Shall We Dance").
Hildegard.
Comedian—
One Good Tune Deserves Another.
I Think I Can (film "Brewster's Millions")....Jack Buchanan.
Piano Duet—Viennese Waltz Medley (Strauss—arr. Rawicz & Landauer).
Rawicz and Landauer.
7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.35 p.m.—Studio—Helen Lockhart (Contralto) and A. T. Lay (Piano).
1. Melisande in the Wood (Goety).
2. Ships that pass in the night (Stephenson).
3. Calm as the night (Bohm).
Helen Lockhart.
4. Reverie d'Amour (York Bowen).
A. T. Lay.
5. Take, O take those lips away (Quilter).
6. Dream Valley (Quilter).
7. Under the Greenwood Tree (Quilter)....Helen Lockhart.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—New Mayfair Orchestra.
Words And Music—Selection (Noel Coward).
Times Of Not-So-Long-Ago—1921.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—Beneath the Green Willow. An episode from Isaac Walton's The Compleat Angler, adapted by Jonquil Antony. Produced by Leslie Stokes.
8.45 p.m.—Studio—Orchestra of the M.S. Conte Verde with E. G. Pellegratti (Cello)—Leader: M. Boaretto. 1. Canzoni popolari (De Michel). 2. Danza (Marsaglia). 3. Sciana-Serenata (Beccia). 4. Guglielmo Rattelli-Sogno (Mascagni). 5. Fiorentina (Cardoni). 6. Passione-Esita (Rulli). 7. Amorosa-Canzone (Panizzi). 8. Zingari-Intermezzo (Leonavalle). 9. La Donna perduta (Pietri). 10. Romanza (De Curtis).
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News & Announcements.
9.50 p.m.—Three Songs by Turner Layton.
Moon Over Miami (Leslie & Burke).
He's An Angel (Hodges).
Dirty Face (Hilber, Van Zollen & Hegan).
10 p.m.—Light Orchestral and Soprano Solos.
Pastora (Munillo-Miranda).
La Zingarella (Paisiello).
Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano).
Cupid's Parade, Fantasy (Rivelli).
Dwarf's Patrol, Fantasy (Rathke).
Little Salon Orchestra.
Love Will Find A Way (from The Maid of the Mountains).
My Hero (from The Chocolate Soldier—A. Stange & O. Strams).
Ina Souer (Soprano).
The Doll Dance (Brown).
Flapperette (Greer).
Nat Shilkret and His Orchestra.
Was It Your Smile (Alexander-Stollberg).
Before I Found You (film "Love's Melody").
Marta Eggerth (Soprano).
10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
11 p.m.—Close down.
BERLIN BROADCAST.
On stations DJA 31.38 m, DJE 19.74 m, DJF 16.89 m, DJN 31.45 m, DJQ 19.63 m.
1.10 p.m.—Light music.
3.00 p.m.—News and economic review in English.
4.00 p.m.—New German light music.
5.45 p.m.—German workers abroad.
6.00 p.m.—Songs for the late.
8.00 p.m.—News in English.
10.15 p.m.—To-day in Germany.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Hoax De Luxe

Brilliant play can be sharply divided into two categories. There may be a brilliance of technique, meaning that from a maze of conflicting lines of play declarer not only selects the one with the best chance for success but then proceeds to execute this plan flawlessly. The other kind of brilliance is psychological. And I will not deny that I have a certain affection for this latter type. The adolescent trait of finding stolen apples the sweetest, does not always disappear with maturity!

West, dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

S.—Q 10 6
H.—K J 4
D.—K Q J 7
C.—9 6 3

WEST

S.—8 5 4
H.—Q 3 2
D.—A 8 5 3
C.—7 4 2

EAST

S.—9
H.—A 10 9 8 7
D.—6 4 2
C.—K Q J 10

SOUTH

S.—A K J 7 3 2
H.—6 5
D.—10 9
C.—A 8 5

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1 heart	1 spade
Pass	2 spades	Pass	4 spades
Pass	Pass	Pass	

North had a close choice between one no trump and two spades in response to his partner's spade overcall. He chose the latter as the more encouraging.

West opened the queen of hearts and instead of automatically covering with dummy's king, declarer did some lightning thinking. It was a hundred to one, he saw, that East, on winning with the ace of hearts, would shift to a club and this would establish two club tricks for the enemy before the vital diamond ace could be knocked out. Thus it seemed inevitable that the contract would fail by one trick.

Rather than concede defeat, declarer searched his mind frantically for a coup that might operate psychologically. An inspiration struck him!

If, instead of covering the heart

queen with dummy's king, he were to let the queen hold, might this not influence East (if he did not hold the diamond ace) to "place" that card in declarer's hand and to jump up with his heart ace on the suspicion that declarer was waiting to ruff a heart continuation and discard losing clubs on dummy's diamond suit?

Well, at any rate, there seemed to be only 100 points additional risk in trying it. So dummy played to on the heart queen and East, just as declarer had hoped, allowed his suspicions to run away with him. Determined that he would not let declarer "put over a fast one," East banged down the heart ace and, with a leer at declarer, shifted to the club king. Declarer laughed openly as he won with the ace, drew trumps, and discarded a losing club on a good heart in dummy.

Many of my readers no doubt will scoff at declarer's first play and much more at the fact that East "fell for it." Moreover, they will be quite right to scoff at East, because it is true that he should not have been so gullible. First, he should have known from West's failure to open a low heart that West could not have held four and declarer one (West would in that case open fourth highest). Second, regardless of the heart situation, a play of the lowest heart on West's queen would demand a shift, and certainly West would shift to club, not diamonds.

The fact remains, however, that this hand was submitted by me to a number of experts. The majority of them, when asked how they would defend from East's position after the queen of hearts was allowed to hold the first trick, replied that they would jump up with the heart ace and shift to clubs. So try the hand on your bridge friends and enemies. I venture to say that you will reap as many chuckles as I did.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: In responding to a take-out double, should a four-card major be shown in preference to a five-card minor?

Answer: If the major includes a card as good as the jack it should be shown in preference to the five-card minor.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE KING'S—"Between Two Women", with Franchot Tone, Maureen O'Sullivan, and Virginia Bruce. A gripping drama within the walls of a great medical institution amid the sufferings of the daily victims of crimes, traffic and accidents. The story of a young physical who marries a woman who does not love him and a pretty young nurse, also married, but in love with him.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"They Gave Him a Gun". With three great stars in the leading roles, Spencer Tracy, Gladys George and Franchot Tone, this drama aflame with intrigue and courage tells a thrilling story of two men whose affection for each other, was turned to bitter hate because they loved the same woman.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"A Day At The Races", with the Marx Brothers, Allan Jones and Maureen O'Sullivan. Good entertainment by these three mirth-makers.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"His Affair", with Robert Taylor, Barbara Stanwyck, Brian Donlevy, Victor MacLaglen and Alan Dinehart. The drama of lives gambled for a great stake, of love unshamed, of courage and honour and danger and disgrace and above all a great romance.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Men In Exile", with Richard Purcell and June Travis. A mystery story dealing with a boy who is forced to leave America and go to the Caribbean Seas where he meets the most exciting adventures in a port from which criminals cannot be extradited.

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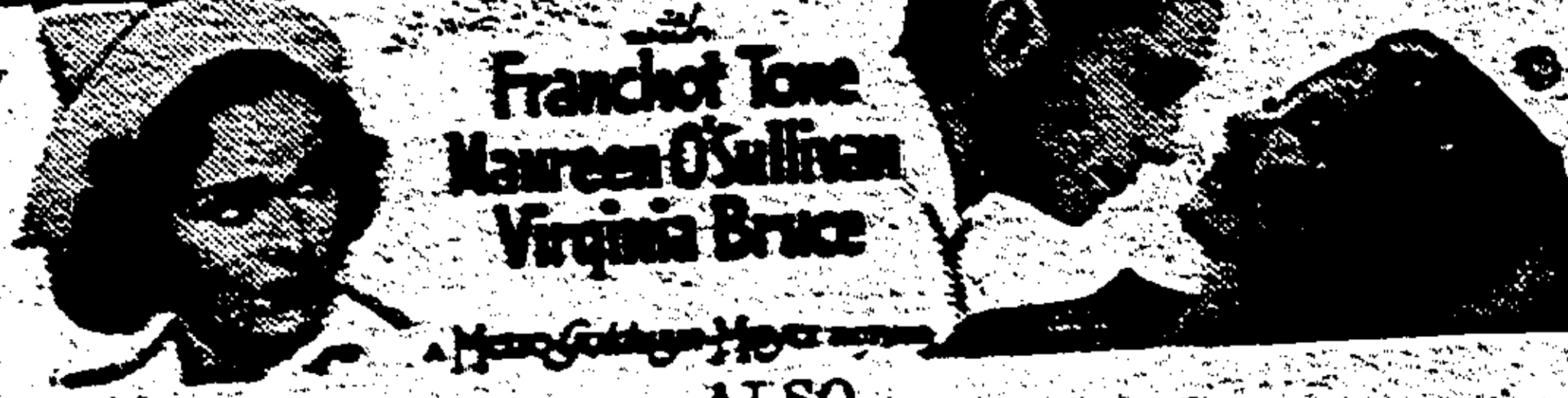
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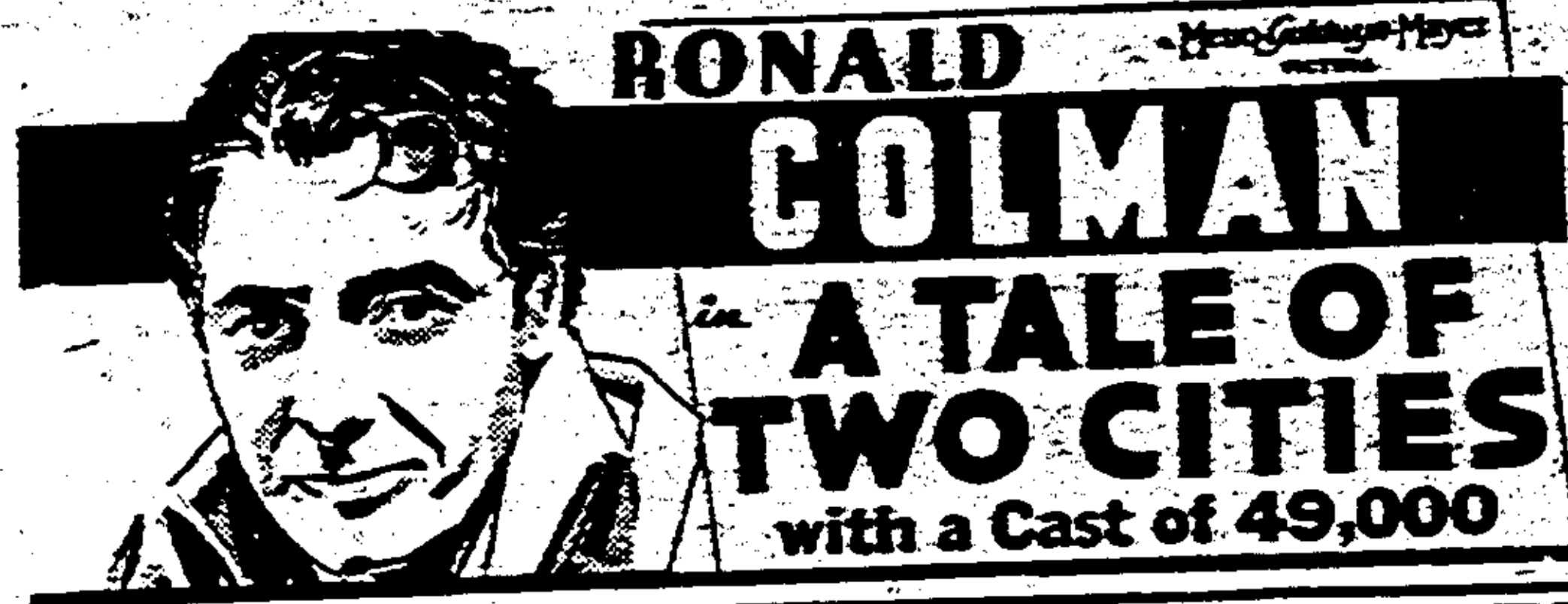
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HONGKONG'S SEPTEMBER TRADE SOARS TO RECORDS

Hong Kong's imports and exports during September rose to a level which is believed to be among the highest on record in the history of the Colony.

Imports totalled \$64.7 millions, as against \$38.2 millions in September, 1936, and exports rose to \$39.4 millions, as compared with \$29.8 millions.

The figures are, however, partly fictitious as they represent not only local trade, but also goods landed in Hong Kong which would in normal conditions have proceeded to Shanghai.

The Imports and Exports Department (Statistical Office) reports that the combined values of imports and exports of merchandise during the first three quarters of 1937 totalled \$789.8 millions (\$48.7 millions) as compared with \$564.0 millions (\$35.9 millions) in the first three quarters of 1936, and \$470.1 millions (\$48.2 millions) in the first three quarters of 1935.

In terms of local currency the total visible trade of the Colony increased by 40.0% in the first three quarters of 1937 as compared with the first three quarters of 1936, and by 68.0% as compared with the first three quarters of 1935.

In terms of sterling the total visible trade of the Colony increased by 35.7% in the first three quarters of 1937 as compared with the first three quarters of 1936, and by 1.0% as compared with the first three quarters of 1935.

(Note: Average rate of exchange during the first three quarters of 1937, 1936 and 1935 was:—1937, H.K.\$1.00 = 1s. 2.13/16d.; 1936 = 1s. 3.5/16d.; 1935 = 2s. 0.11/16d.)

Imports of merchandise amounted to \$457.0 millions (\$28.2 millions) in the first three quarters of 1937 as compared with \$319.0 millions (\$20.3 millions) in the first three quarters of 1936, and \$270.9 millions (\$27.8 millions) in the first three quarters of 1935; whilst exports amounted to \$332.7 millions (\$20.5 millions), \$245.0 millions (\$15.6 millions) and \$199.3 millions (\$20.4 millions) respectively.

In terms of Hong Kong currency imports of merchandise increased by 43.3% as compared with the first three quarters of 1936, and by 68.3% as compared with the first three quarters of 1935; whilst exports increased by 25.8% as compared with the first three quarters of 1936, and by 66.9% as compared with the first three quarters of 1935.

In terms of sterling values imports of merchandise increased by 38.9% as compared with the first three quarters of 1936, and by 1.4% as compared with the first three quarters of 1935; whilst exports increased by 31.4% as compared with the first three quarters of 1936, and by 0.5% as compared with the first three quarters of 1935.

Imports of treasure totalled \$290.9 millions as compared with \$25.6 millions in the first three quarters of 1936, and \$28.6 millions in the first three quarters of 1935; and exports amounted to \$39.2 millions as compared with \$132.1 millions and \$122.9 millions respectively.

For purposes of closer comparison the following table has been prepared showing the quarterly

values of both Imports and Exports (in \$'s and \$'s millions) for the years of 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936 and 1937:—

	IMPORTS				
	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
1st Quarter	\$132.8	95.8	97.3	98.2	131.7
2nd Quarter	\$126.1	99.7	94.0	114.1	154.7
3rd Quarter	\$122.1	106.6	79.5	106.7	170.6
4th Quarter	\$119.9	113.8	94.2	133.4	
	EXPORTS				
	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
1st Quarter	\$105.3	71.5	74.8	76.0	105.7
2nd Quarter	\$106.2	79.6	67.9	87.5	113.2
3rd Quarter	\$95.5	80.5	56.6	81.5	113.9
4th Quarter	\$96.1	87.5	71.7	105.9	

SEPTEMBER FIGURES

During the month of September, 1937 imports of merchandise amounted to a total of \$64.7 millions (\$4.0 millions) as compared with \$38.2 millions (\$2.4 millions) in September, 1936; a dollar increase of 69.4% and a sterling increase of 66.7%; whilst exports totalled \$39.4 millions (\$2.4 millions) as compared with \$29.8 millions (\$1.8 millions); a dollar increase of 32.2% and a sterling increase of 33.3%.

The following table shows comparative figures of imports and exports of Merchandise and Treasure during the months of September, 1937 and September, 1936:—

	IMPORTS		EXPORTS	
	Sept. 1937	Sept. 1936	Sept. 1937	Sept. 1936
Merchandise	\$ 64,710,603	\$ 38,224,377	\$ 39,439,897	\$ 29,838,410
Treasure	\$140,669,979	\$ 1,164,758	\$ 71,517,332	\$ 2,064,613
Total	\$205,380,582	\$ 39,389,135	\$110,957,229	\$ 31,903,023

LENIENT VIEW IN MUI TSAI REFUGEE CASES

On being assured that defendants were genuine refugees and that the *mui-tsais* would have been worse off had they been left in Canton, Mr. R. A. D. Forrest took a lenient view in dealing with two cases in connection with the keeping of unregistered *mui-tsais*.

Defendants were Miss Marina Poon and Lam Shui, aged 52, a widow. The former was charged with keeping Fok Pan, aged 18, as a *mui-tsai* but it was stated that the girl did not belong to her but was left in her care.

In the other case the defendant was charged with keeping two *mui-tsais* and with bringing them into the Colony.

Both defendants were bound over in a sum of \$200 to come up for judgment within a year.

Mr. A. L. Potter of No. 42, Kennedy Road was cautioned by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy when he pleaded guilty to driving in Ice House street, while closed to traffic. He stated that he was a newcomer to the Colony and prepared showing the quarterly did not see the sign.

FRENCH SEND DESTROYER TO MINORCA

Marseilles, To-day.
The French destroyer Milan yesterday left Marseilles for Fornella, in Minorca, to ensure the safety of the Air France line from Marseilles to Algiers.

The step followed an attack on the Air France base at Fornella yesterday morning by an unknown plane, in which the repair ship was bombed and set on fire.

There were no casualties.

The attacking plane bore black Maltese Crosses, and registered several hits on the repair ship.—Reuter.

VESSEL SINKS

Paris, To-day.

The patrol boat, Chasseur 91, bombed by a mysterious seaplane, has sunk.

The crew of eight were rescued.

The French Government has ordered an immediate enquiry into the incident, and as soon as the identity of the attacking plane has been established, says a semi-official announcement, "measures required by the situation will be taken."

A French warship has been ordered to proceed to Fornella.—Trans-Ocean.

KING AND QUEEN FOR SANDRINGHAM

London, To-day.

The King and Queen will leave London this afternoon for Sandringham where His Majesty will attend to matters connected with the estate and will also enjoy some shooting. It was announced last night that the King will pay a visit to the Duchy of Cornwall property in Cornwall, Devon and Somerset early in December.—British Wireless.

KING'S SPEECH FROM THRONE

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister yesterday afternoon returned to Downing Street from Chequers, where he spent the week-end. Last evening, he received the junior ministers and informed them of the contents of the Speech from the Throne with which the King will open the new session of Parliament to-day.—British Wireless.

LORD RUTHERFORD BURIED IN THE ABBEY

London, To-day.

The ashes of Lord Rutherford of Nelson were buried yesterday in the Scientist's corner in the East Nave of Westminster Abbey near the tombs of such great predecessors in scientific research as Sir Isaac Newton and Lord Kelvin. A great gathering representing the whole scientific world was present.—British Wireless.

VALENCIA GOVT TO MOVE

Paris, To-day.

It is understood here that the Valencia Government is being transferred to Barcelona at the end of the month.—Reuter.

SAI ON MAKES TRIP THROUGH CANTON BOOM

The s.s. Sai On successfully passed through the boom at the mouth of the Pearl River yesterday afternoon, according to information received by her owners last night.

When the barrier was partially removed by the Canton authorities, it was stated that only ships of seven feet draft could safely navigate the opening, but yesterday with about 600 passengers on board and a little cargo, the "Sai On" attempted the passage.

The ship had a draft of a little over eight feet. Her owners intend to place her sister-ship "Tung On," on the run when she comes out of dock to-morrow.

The "Sai On" will leave Canton this morning for Hong Kong.

PORTUGAL'S ELECTION: CONFIDENCE IN DR. SALAZAR

Lisbon, To-day.

More than four-fifths of the votes cast at the Portuguese municipal elections yesterday were in favour of the Unica Nacional, the only political party existing in Portugal.

The party's list was the only list submitted to the electors.

The press hails the result as a great success for the Salazar Government.—Trans-Ocean.

WORLD CHESS TITLE

The Hague, To-day.

The ninth game in the World Chess Championship between Alekhine and Euwe, now being played here, was drawn yesterday.

The score now is Alekhine 5½, Euwe 2½.—Reuter.

BOMBED K.C.R. CAOCHES

Carriages bombed by Japanese planes north of Shekiung on Sunday have been brought to Kowloon and placed in the repair shop of the Kowloon-Canton Railway.

DUFF-COOPER RETURNS

London, To-day.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, arrived here yesterday afternoon following his tour of inspection in the Mediterranean.—Trans-Ocean.

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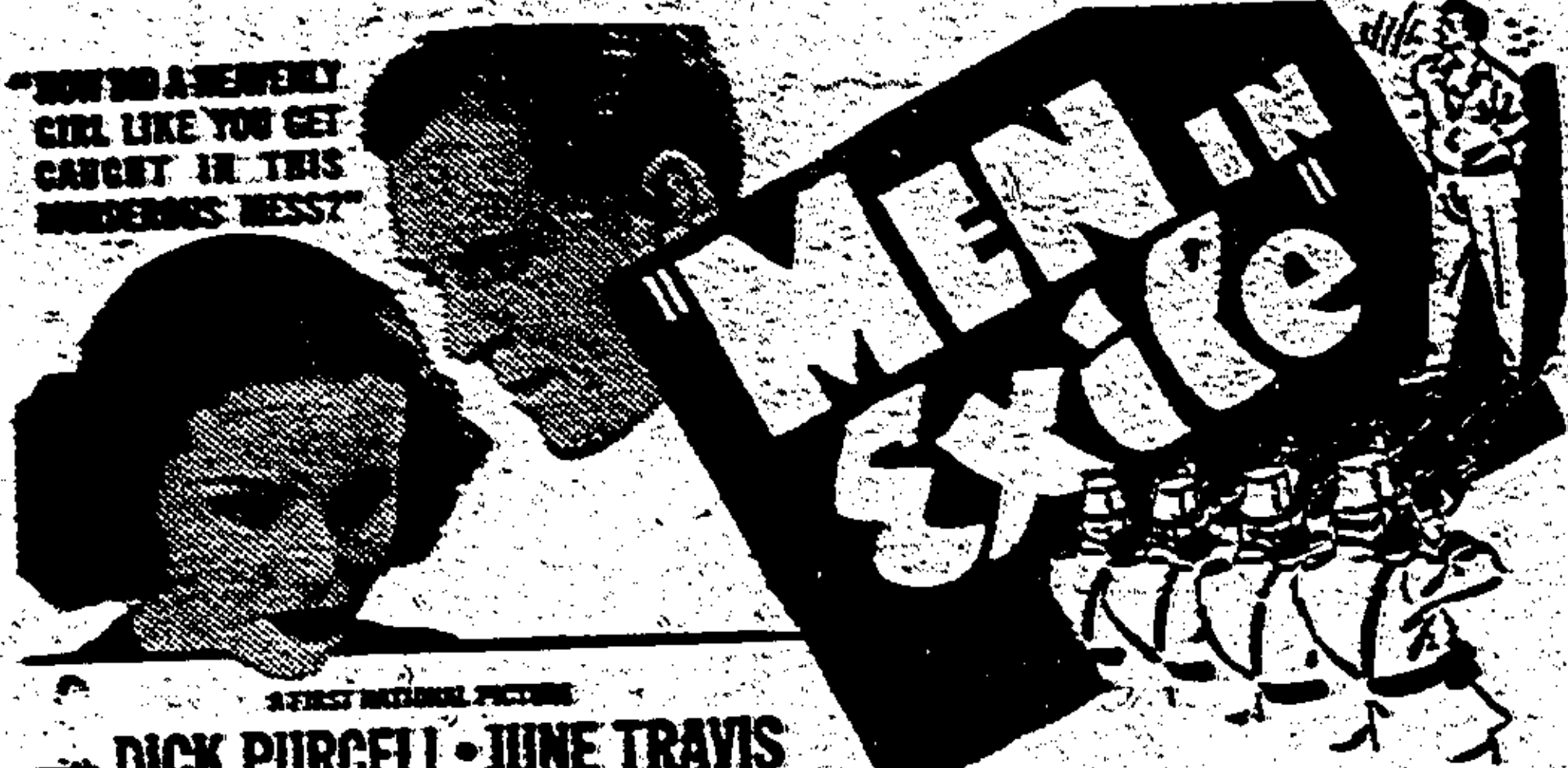
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WOMEN AT WHEEL OBSTRUCT MOST

— Says A.A.

Women drivers get in the way when at the wheel, are fined for obstruction more frequently than men, do their own running repairs more often than they used to do, are keener to take their cars abroad, and on the whole are becoming better drivers.

These are the main facts revealed by an A.A. census of its membership of over 100,000 women driver.

During the past twelve months nearly 3,500 A.A. women members have taken their cars abroad—approximately 16.3 per cent. of the total number of Continental tours for which the Association provided Customs documents and passports.

Although the A.A. has nearly one woman members for every six men subscribing, over 18,000 inquiries handled by the Twenty-Four Hour Emergency Service representing one-third of the total, shows that two women to every man apply for motoring assistance outside usual business hours.

Women are found to predominate in the class of motoring offence only—obstruction.

VALENCIA REORGANISATION

Valencia, To-day.

The Valencia Defence Ministry intends to completely reorganise the army and navy.

New men are to be appointed to the supreme command of the navy and affiliated departments.

Planned reorganisation is due to the fact that the Nationalist navy has been increased through the capture at Gijon of several Republican warships. — *Trans-Ocean*.

DUKE 'THANKS HERR HITLER

Berlin, To-day.

The Duke of Windsor yesterday sent Herr Hitler a cordially worded telegram from Paris, expressing gratitude for the hospitality he encountered throughout Germany during his recent tour.

The Fuehrer replied in a telegram equally friendly in tone. — *Trans-Ocean*.

EX-POLICEMAN 'MESSIAH' MAY LEAD STRANGE RELIGIOUS SECT

A former officer in the Metropolitan Police Force may be the successor to Charles Geard, who describes himself as the "Messiah," and who is lying dangerously ill in a "Temple" at Tenby, Pembrokeshire.

Miss Tachell, who lives in the little village of Montacute, near Yeovil, next to the three-room cottage where the "Messiah" held his meetings few years ago, said that he has chosen his nephew, Claude Turner, to be his successor.

Turner was formerly in the Metropolitan Police, and then went to Canada. He returned to be a follower of the "Messiah," and has acted as his chauffeur.

TEST OF FAITH

The decision of the "Messiah" to appoint his nephew to succeed him has been a test of faith among his followers.

Miss Tachell said that one aged woman convert refused to accept him.

"She left Shiloh for the 'Messiah' after years of adherence, taking with her only the clothes she wore. She had given up all she possessed."

Miss Tachell described strange happenings in the cottage adjoining her home, where the "Messiah" used to meet his followers at week-ends.

She spoke of shrieking women and of moans and wails, punctuated with cries of "O- You, Lovely God, Shiloh! Thou art everything to me."

Charles Geard—the "Messiah"—was at one time a stonemason, and worked in the quarries on Ham Hill, which overlooks Montacute.

IN A VISION

Despite his striking personality he still retains his broad Somerset accent, but he attracts followers from all parts of the country.

He has declared that he received a message in a vision, telling him that he was to be a divine messenger on earth.

His converts, who are nearly all women, have to promise that they will give up everything before they are accepted.

DIAMOND FIELD WENT BEGGING

Almost unnoticed by the man in the street, a new diamond field has been developed in value from £20 to over half a million. This treasure story that is true is told in the new issue of the Bulletin of the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, by the man who found the first gem, Mr. J. D. Pollett, of the Mines Department of Sierra Leone.

Examining gravels of the Ghoboro stream, in the Nimi Koro Chiefdom, in 1930, Mr. Pollett picked up a crystal which proved later to be a diamond clear white.

But although the discovery was announced it failed to arouse much interest.

When the Gold Coast Government decided to place the development in the hands of one responsible company, and the Consolidated African Selection Trust, Ltd., was given the exclusive right to prospect for diamonds over an area of 4,170 square miles.

"MONGOLIAN EMPIRE" CONFERENCE

Tokyo, To-day.

Five hundred Mongolian delegates will gather on Wednesday this week at Suiyuan, capital of the Chinese-Mongolian province of the same name, for a three-day National Assembly in order to confirm foundation of the new Mongolian Empire.

The new Empire will have a population of about 5,000,000.

According to a Japanese source, the Assembly has been summoned by the Princes of several Mongol tribes who had met at Suiyuan on Oct. 20.

The Assembly is to decide establishment of an autonomous Mongol administration directed by a central executive committee, while each tribe will retain its own administration.

PRINCE YUN

Prince Yun is expected to be elected chairman of the executive committee, Prince Teh, minister of general affairs, and General Li, Minister of War.

The chairman of the executive committee will have far-reaching powers but political laws will not be published without the counter-signature of the minister of war.—*Trans-Ocean*.

GIFT OF SWORD TO LORD DESBOROUGH

Lord Desborough's long association with the Thames and his valuable work in connection with the River and its users were referred to in appreciative terms at a meeting of the Thames Conservancy Board.

Lord Desborough has retired after 41 years' membership of the Board and for 33 years its Chairman. To mark the occasion an inscribed bronze sword and an address were presented to him. The sword, dredged from the River at Taplow near Lord Desborough's home in November, dates from about 800 B.C.

The address stated: "We appreciate with thankfulness your invaluable leadership, your extensive and unique knowledge of the River and its needs; and also your sound judgment and wide experience, which, combined with your courtesy and consideration have won for you the loyalty, confidence, and affection of every member of the Board both past and present." In the absence through indisposition of the new Chairman (Mr. J. D. Gilbert), the presentation was made by Mr. Basil Holmes, Lord Desborough's oldest colleague.

Lord Desborough, in reply, referred to the sword, and said that if his education were right it dated back to about the time of Homer. He thought that the condition of the sword also spoke well for the purity of the Thames water. (Laughter.)

EUROPEANS' LOSS

Mrs. W. Harlock, of No. 16, Austin Avenue, has reported to the Police someone entered to the between 9.45 p.m. on Sunday and 1.30 a.m. on Monday and stole a handbag containing \$76 for the bedroom.

Mr. J. C. Large, residing at Tung Shan Buildings, has reported that a quantity of clothing, valued at \$110, was stolen from his residence when some one broken in.

BERLIN BOMBSHELL

Programme For Colonial Shuffle In Africa

VON RIBBENTROP'S TALK WITH MUSSOLINI

FOUR POWER PLAN FOR EXPLOITATION

Paris, To-day.

A remarkable account of the recent interview between Herr von Ribbentrop, German Ambassador in London, and Signor Mussolini, in Rome, is given by the newspaper "Le Jour."

The paper asserts that Herr von Ribbentrop told Il Duce that a programme of colonial claims will soon be published by Berlin.

This programme will include

Return to Germany of the Cameroons (in West Africa) and

Ruanda and Urundi (formerly part of German East Africa and now in the Belgian Congo), and

Creation of a vast international territory in Africa to be exploited by Britain, France, Italy and Germany.

It is also stated that a Colonial Office is being created in Berlin.

Herr von Ribbentrop is also stated to have suggested to the Duce some sort of international government in Palestine similar to that in the Saar prior to the plebiscite, to have advised Signor Mussolini not to cause a violent break in the non-intervention committee but to gain time, and to have urged him to sign an anti-Communist Pact with Japan before the opening of the Brussels Conference.—Reuter.

DISCUSSION IN LONDON

London, To-day.

Discussions took place at the Foreign Office yesterday between the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, the French Ambassador, M. Charles Corbin, and the German charge d'affaires, Dr. Woermann.

It is understood that to-day's meeting of the non-intervention committee was the subject of the talks.—Reuter.

"PURE INVENTION"

Rome, To-day.

"Pure invention" is the reply of authoritative Italian circles to the activities of Herr von Ribbentrop who is reported in the French press to have sought Italian participation in the Germano-Japanese anti-Bolshevik Pact.—Trans-Ocean.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH'S NEW THRILL

London, To-day.

Princess Elizabeth will attend the opening of parliament by the King. The Princess will witness the ceremony from the Lord Great Chamberlain's box.—British Wireless.

SOVIET LIKELY TO REFUSE CONTRIBUTIONS

London, To-day.

Refusal of the Soviet Government to make further financial contributions to the non-intervention committee will be announced at a given moment, says the diplomatic correspondent of the "Evening Standard."

The correspondent says that Soviet opinion is that non-intervention has broken down, and that M. Ivan Maisky, the Soviet Ambassador, has therefore received instructions to announce at a suitable moment Russian discontinuance of payments.

The committee, the correspondent concludes, thus faces a new crisis.—Trans-Ocean.

NURI SAID BACK IN BAGHDAD

Baghdad, To-day.

Nuri Said, former Iraqi Foreign Minister who has been in exile and whose return had been twice refused by the Government, unexpectedly arrived here by plane from Damascus yesterday.

It is thought that his return is connected with the Pan-Arab policy regarding Palestine.—Trans-Ocean.

A watch, found in a taxi, was taken to the Gough Hill Police Station by Mrs. Lammert, of No. 405, The Peak yesterday.

JAPANESE TROOPS DIE IN RAIL CRASH

Peiping, To-day.

Several Japanese soldiers were among those killed in a rail smash at Tsinghuayuan yesterday, but the Japanese authorities decline to reveal the number.—Reuter.

TRANSFER OF GOVERNMENT

Paris, To-day.

Two members of the Valencia Cabinet, the Minister of Justice, Signor Prieto, and the Defence Minister, Senor Jose Giral, have arrived at Barcelona from Valencia.

Since 2,500 members of the International Brigade and 2,000 Spanish troops arrived in the Catalan capital at the same time, it is believed this presages transfer of the seat of Government.—Trans-Ocean.

BOY INJURED

Ng Pau, a taxi driver, knocked down Arthur Smith, aged 12, of No. 2, Norfolk Road in Waterloo Road, near the Kowloon Tong Club, yesterday. The lad was taken to the Kowloon Hospital.

MANCHURIA TROOPS ON SHANGHAI FRONT

Shanghai, To-day.

Use of Manchurian troops by the Japanese on the Shanghai front, rumoured many times but always denied by the Japanese, has now been definitely established by reliable foreign sources.

In spite of strict supervision by the Japanese, a neutral observer yesterday succeeded in talking with some of these Manchurian soldiers behind the Japanese lines.

The soldiers declared that in Manchukuo, which is generally inhabited by Chinese immigrants, conscription is in force under a special system.

FAMILIES

Ten families altogether have to provide a certain number of soldiers.

The families remain responsible for the behaviour of the soldiers, the Japanese apparently fearing that Manchurian troops might desert or revolt.

In case of this eventuality, their families at home suffer.—Trans-Ocean.

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NANZIANG REAL AIM OF NEW OFFENSIVE

Chinese Troops Give Ground At Some Points

TAZANG HOLDS: CHINESE FIGHT BACK STUBBORNLY

Shanghai, To-day.

Aim of the new Japanese offensive, which now appears to have pushed the Chinese back at some points, is Nanziang, on the Shanghai-Nanking Railway.

Foreign military observers in Shanghai consider that the offensive against Tazang was only a diverting manoeuvre, and that Nanziang is the real aim of the Japanese.

The sector north of Nanziang was under heavy drum fire from Japanese batteries all night, and this morning may see a fresh Japanese push in this direction.

Meanwhile the Chinese troops in Chapei and Kiangwan maintain their positions, though there has been no serious fighting in this sector.—Trans-Ocean.

According to Chinese reports, Japanese attempts to carry Tazang in a series of fierce frontal attacks were frustrated with severe losses, hundreds of men falling victim to the Chinese machine-gun posts.

TAZANG HOLDS

An armoured car plus infantry attack was then launched at the Tazang highway and it succeeded in pushing back the Chinese for some distance. The object was to take Tazang by a process of envelopment, but Chinese reinforcements were brought up and the Japanese were compelled to fall back to their original positions.

Late last night, according to Hua Nan, the worst of the Tazang ordeal was over and the Chinese had succeeded in re-establishing themselves in most of the positions conceded in earlier fighting.

The Japanese drive towards Nanziang (Nanziang) has been brought to a halt.

THE WORLD GOES BY By "ULYSSES"

TWO sets of artificial teeth were found on a racecourse at Home recently. They were still feebly gnashing.

A handbag that squeaks is the latest device to foil the snatcher. It never squeaks until it is pinched.

Shots from the Sino-Japanese war front:—

The Japanese troops have broken through the Chinese lines at three points on the Shanghai front, and the Chinese troops are now retreating in disorder. Japanese planes emptied their bomb-racks on Chapei. Japanese troops in North China have driven a wedge into the Chinese troops.—Oh My News Agency.

The Chinese troops are driving the Japanese back on the Shanghai front, where they have driven a wedge into the enemy positions. Chinese planes emptied their bomb-racks on Yangtsepoos.—National Boos Agency.

United Mess correspondents again faced death and laughed him in the face during to-day's operations. Shells, bombs burst round them with monotonous regularity.—United

Mess.

A rather conflicting position seems to exist on all fronts to-day, both Chinese and Japanese claiming victories. We don't know but we think these claims should be taken with reserve.—Goitre News Agency.

The two men walked into the dock swathed in bandages.

"Now tell me," said the magistrate, "just what started the trouble between you two."

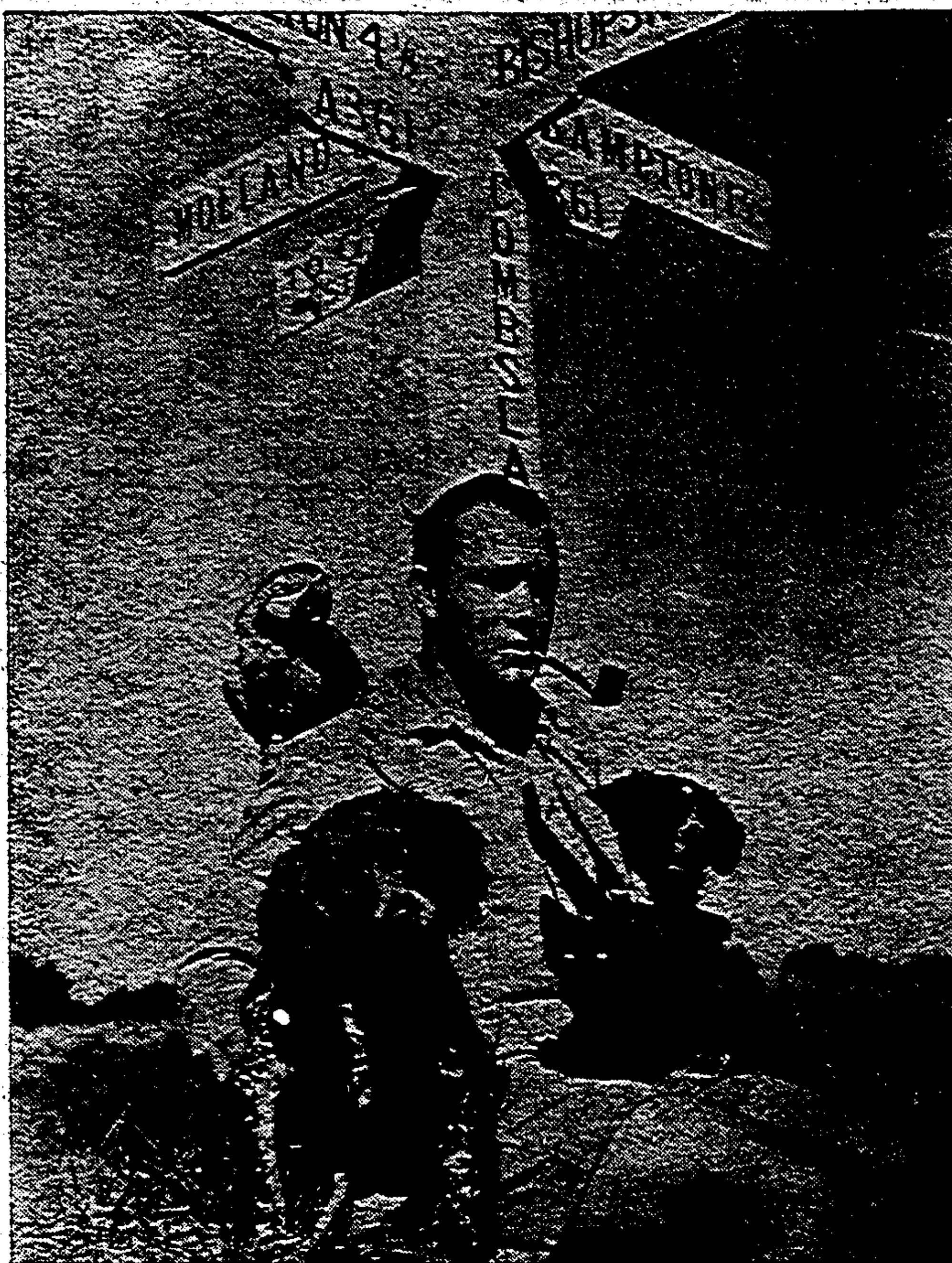
"Well, it was like this 'ere, sir. Fust 'e throws 'is beer over me. Then 'e puts 'im across the face wiv me bag 'er tools. Then 'e cuts me 'ead open wiv a bottle, and the next thing we knows is we finds ourselves quarrellin'."

The new vicar in a rural parish found the vicarage chimney choked with soot. Accordingly he approached a woman member of his choir.

"Have you a sweep in the village," he asked.

"Oh, yes," she replied. "Just first and second divisions, you know."

"Are you sure, doctor, that I have the very latest form of influenza?"



Mr. Basil du Bois is a modern Robinson Crusoe. He can be seen walking along the lanes of North Devon with his pets a macaw, two spaniels and two black kittens. He lives at Furze Hill Farm, Bishops Nympton and always takes his pets on walks with him. Photo shows—Resting by the roadside during a walk near South Molton. Mr. Du Bois and his pets. (Fox Copyright).

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"Quite, madam. You coughed exactly like the Countess of Wessex."

"Right. Give our door a kick will yer?"

He put his head out of the bedroom window, and shouted to a man passing by:—

"What time is it, mate?" "Six o'clock."

"How did you find the steak, sir?" said the waiter.

"Easily," replied the customer. "I just pushed a couple of peas aside, and there the little devil was."

BELGIAN PREMIER RESIGNS

Outcome Of Malicious Rumours About Bank Affairs

BROADCAST SPEECH TO NATION

Brussels, To-day.
The Belgian Cabinet, at a meeting yesterday afternoon, decided to resign.
It is semi-officially announced that owing to the ministerial crisis the Nine-Power Conference may be postponed for a few days.
November 3 is now suggested as a possible date but no definite decision has yet been taken. — Reuter.

ATTACKS ON PREMIER

Brussels, To-day.
The resignation of the Van Zeeland Government, announced in an official communique at 6 o'clock yesterday evening, has been expected for some time and is the direct result of attacks on the Premier for his alleged conduct of the affairs of the National Bank when he was its Vice-Governor.

POSTPONEMENT OF BRUSSELS GATHERING?

Brussels, To-day.
A semi-official statement issued here last night, announces that opening of the Nine-Power Conference may be postponed till Wednesday, November 3.
The date originally set for the Conference was Saturday, Oct. 30.
The statement adds, however, that a definite decision regarding the opening date has not yet been reached. — Trans-Ocean.

Paris, To-day.
The Belgian political crisis makes it almost definite that the Nine-Power Conference in Brussels will not start its labours until November 4.
It is pointed out here that it has not yet been decided whether Russia and Germany be invited. — Trans-Ocean.

JAPAN NOT TO ATTEND

Tokyo, To-day.
The morning newspapers state that Japan has decided to decline to participate in the Brussels Conference.

The Domei news agency declares that the Cabinet will endorse the decision this morning and then obtain Imperial sanction, after which a formal reply will be sent to Belgium.

The Asahi Shimbun, however, states there is still some discussion on the actual wording of the reply, which might therefore be delayed one or two days. — Reuter.

FAIR WEATHER

The Royal Observatory reported this morning that the anticyclone now covers Shantung, Manchuria, Japan and the neighbouring seas; it has increased slightly in intensity.

Local forecast. N. E. winds, fresh; fair.

M. van Zeeland informed the Cabinet of his intention to resign, where upon the Ministers decided to resign in a body.
M. van Zeeland then went to the Palace and tendered his and the Cabinet's resignation to King Leopold.

CABINET CONFIDENCE

The Cabinet later sent a letter to the Premier assuring him of their confidence in him.

Political circles think the new Cabinet will show little change as regards political leanings.

The late Government was a coalition of Social-Democrats, Catholics and Liberals, and it is fairly certain that the new government will be of the same composition.

No information is forthcoming as to the Premier's successor, but possibilities are the former Foreign Minister, M. Spaak, and the former Finance Minister, M. Henri de Man. — Trans-Ocean.

RESIGNS AS DEPUTY

Brussels, To-day.
It is reported that the former Premier, M. van Zeeland, has sent his resignation as a deputy to the President of the Chamber.

M. van Zeeland was elected at a Brussels by-election last April, when he opposed the Rexist leader, Leon Degrelle. — Reuter.

BROADCAST BY PREMIER

Brussels, To-day.
In a radio broadcast last night, the former Premier, M. Paul van Zeeland, who with his Cabinet resigned yesterday afternoon, explained the grounds of his action.

The two governments at whose head he had stood, were formed in the spirit of national unity, but during recent months this atmosphere of unity had become clouded.

Smouldering dissatisfaction had become noticeable in certain circles. From this state of affairs a complicated political situation had arisen.

MALICIOUS CAMPAIGN

In addition, a malicious campaign of aspersions and slander had developed, and since the opposition found nothing on which to attack the Government, it had resorted to the unworthy method of personal accusations, especially against himself.

He had postponed his resignation on one occasion owing to desire not to complicate government of the country, but he felt the time had now come to insist on resigning.

FREEDOM OF ACTION

He would now have freedom of action in clearing himself and the National Bank of the accusations.

He regretted having to resign before his work was completed, and appealed for internal unity.

He concluded: "Men pass on but the nation remains. The one and only important thing is the future of the country." — Trans-Ocean.



The Candleston Castle, the 2494 tons Cardiff steamer which returned to the port after being detained by the Spanish anti-reds at Ferrol, is now being overhauled after her adventure. The vessel was taken to Ferrol after being fired at by an anti-Red cruiser, which ordered her to have to. Photo shows—The Union Jack on the side of the Candleston Castle. (Fox Copyright).

CRISIS AGAIN IN OFFING

Rome, To-day.
Extreme scepticism prevails in Italian political circles regarding the prospects of success of to-day's session of the non-intervention committee.

"Tribuna," after voicing openly the general impression that non-intervention is working up a blind alley, points out that since the Italian contribution, differences have multiplied instead of decreasing.

The paper expresses the opinion that a crisis is now again in the offing. — Trans-Ocean.

INJURED IN FLIGHT

Wong Ping-chung, aged 18, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital with an injury to the forehead received in a fall. He was being chased for stealing wood at Kennedy Road. Chan Wing, aged 43, was admitted to the hospital with a broken leg caused under similar circumstances in Stubbs Road.

Suffering from injuries to his back as the result of a fall on board the S.S. Turbo at Taikoo Docks, Pang Ah, aged 45, the quarter-master, was yesterday admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

Mrs. J. M. Dalziel of No. 53, the Peak, was cautioned by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistrate's Court when she pleaded guilty to parking her car over the time limit allowed in the Pedder Street car park. Mr. D. Scott, of the Radio Office, was also cautioned for the same offence.

U.S. PEACE CONFERENCE APPLAUDS ROOSEVELT

Washington, To-day.
The National Peace Conference, comprising forty organisations, has written to the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hall, applauding the Government's participation in the Nine-Power Conference.

The letter says: "It is not enough to condemn war or to quarantine military aggression."

"Economic and political justice is the only foundation on which enduring peace can be rebuilt."

"We believe that the United States at the Brussels Conference should initiate steps looking towards economic adjustment to improve the living standards of all peoples." — Reuter.

FOREIGN AID AT GIJON DENIED

San Sebastian, To-day.
Refuting Government reports, General Davila, the Nationalist commander, declares in a communique that no foreign volunteers participated in the capture of Gijon.

He added that the loyalists themselves admitted they had been defeated by the Navarra Brigade, consisting of Spanish shock troops. The scattered resistance by the Asturian militia has practically ended. — Trans-Ocean.

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Hong Kong, Tuesday, October 26, 1937.

JAPAN'S NEW OFFENSIVE

The Japanese military juggernaut, to use Renter's picturesque language, is again throwing its full weight against the Chinese defences in Shanghai and again the most striking feature of the twelve-mile clash is the stubbornness and discipline of the defenders. The fact that three divisions took more than twelve hours to advance half a mile towards Nansiang, aided by terrific artillery barrages and aerial bombardment pays a tribute to the courage of the defenders more than mere words can provide. Chinese leaders and China's generals have every reason for the fullest satisfaction even in the retreat. After all, the withdrawal of the Chinese forces inland from the Whangpoo do not intensify Japan's military grip of China nor prolong it. The strategy of the Japanese operations is supposed to be that of cutting off the Chinese troops in Chapei, to which the Chinese present the curious answer of pouring still further troops in the Chapei and Kiangwan areas. Strategists see in the latest moves addition to the difficulties of the Japanese, accompanied, unfortunately, by an increasing peril to the International Settlement.

Japan's fighting equipment loses much of its effectiveness as the battle moves outside the range of naval guns, while the Chinese front is apparently swinging round with Chapei as the pivot, so that, in the event of success to the Japanese arms, not by any means finally decided, the Chinese would be fighting with their backs to the Settlement and the Outer Settlement roads area where much private foreign property is situated.

Meanwhile, an interesting theory is advanced to explain why Japan openly engages in a major-scale war on China without declaring it and thus securing to herself the right of full blockade, absence of which is supposed to be worrying her in South China. It is pointed out that when "face" is a serious consideration, as it usually is in Far Eastern affairs, any situation is likely to have two faces. One of the odd faces in to-day's situation is that though China may be unable to drive the Japanese army out, the Chinese might find it well within their power to make it impossible for the Japanese to withdraw whether or not they preferred to. The Japanese military could ill afford to leave China if by leaving they leave an impression of impotence before the Chinese forces.

It is no doubt why Japan has been unwilling to declare war on China, although by doing so the Japanese authorities could have acquired for themselves certain advantages which accrue to a legal belligerent? A declaration of war by Japan would make impossible the withdrawal of Japanese troops from China until the Chinese Government had been forced to sue for peace. Japan's finances are already strained by war budgets. She is facing a foe with the incalculable endurance of a population of 400,000,000 whose national consciousness is prodded to further wakefulness by every Japanese advance. A thorough defeat of all China in the reasonably near future must be beyond the most sanguine Japanese hopes.

Men Can Reason

When one surveys the present quarrels of mankind, says the "Christian Science Monitor," one may be excused for recalling that an experienced observer of animal life in zoological gardens pertinently remarked that, given comfortable conditions, good nature is habitually displayed by nearly every species, even by those we are accustomed to regard as ferocious. Contrary to common belief, "animal temper is naturally pacific, equable, and mild."

Prince Kropotkin long ago showed that mutual aid, rather than struggle, is the rule of animal life. How comes it then that mankind should seem by far the most quarrelsome of the denizens of the earth?

To cause appears to lie, at least to a large extent, in conditions rather than in character. Conditions are deemed to be not as good as they might be, and therefore an effort, violent in intention if not always in action, is made to obtain better conditions at the expense of others.

This is true in the social domain, as it is true in the international sphere. In various countries, at the present moment, one witnesses a revolt of the workers. They demand more leisure, higher wages, greater independence, and they are prepared in some cases to go to extreme lengths. So it is with the diplomatic and military menaces that are constantly heard. They arise from the belief that certain nations are less favoured than others. To obtain something nearer equality, it would appear that these nations are ready to fight.

Thus while, in normal circumstances, human as well as animal temper is "naturally pacific, equable and mild," the temper of mankind is aroused by a sense, justified or unjustified, of grievance and inequality. Nor can it be denied that there is sometimes cause for discontent, whether in classes or in nations. But it surely cannot be overlooked that mankind has a remedy which the animals lack—the use of reason, the faculty of discussion, of negotiation, of fair arrangements.

If there are class disabilities, let them be brought to conference. If there are national disabilities, let them be considered in good will. Resort to force is inexcusable among civilised men. Minorities? Colonies? Territorial injustices? Raw materials? These questions can be settled by quiet conversation. Indeed, that is the only way in which they can really be settled.

KESWICK ROAD INCIDENT

Shanghai Turns Out En Masse For Funeral

JAPANESE AIRMAN MAY BE COURT-MARTIALLED

BRITISH FORCES UNDER ORDERS

Shanghai, To-day.

Shanghai turned out en masse yesterday afternoon for the impressive funeral of Rfn. W. McGowan, of the Royal Ulster Rifles, killed by machine-gun bullets from a Japanese plane in the Keswick Road incident on Sunday.

The cortege passed through streets lined by thick crowds of Chinese, many of whom were carrying banners extolling the bravery of the dead Rifleman.

Detachments of troops and sailors from every nationality except Japan, attended, while the officials present included Admiral Sir Charles Little, the British Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Harry Yarnell, the United States Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Le Bigot, the French Commander-in-Chief, Major-General A. P. D. Telfer-Smollett, commander of the international defence force, Brigadier Beaumont, commander of the American forces, Colonel Graham, commander of the S.V.C., Colonel Peretti, commander of the French troops, Mr. Herbert Phillips, British Consul-General, Mr. Franklin, the American Chairman of the S.M.C., and other foreign consuls and many Chinese officials.

Among the hundreds of wreaths was one "From the girl he helped to shelter."—Reuter.

JAPANESE OFFER REFUSED

London, To-day.

The British authorities at Shanghai refused an offer by the Japanese high command to send representatives to the funeral of Rfn. McGowan, states a reliable report.

The report adds that the Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese forces on the Shanghai front was among those who attended the funeral.

Meanwhile, the British forces in Shanghai have been given orders to fire with Lewis guns at any attacking planes in future.

Although the troops are not to be issued with anti-aircraft guns, their machine-guns are quite effective for dealing with low-flying aircraft.

"NO EXCUSE"

"The Times" in a leading article on the affair, which has created a painful impression in London, says there is no excuse for the Japanese under the circumstances.

A despatch from its Shanghai correspondent says that foreign circles there hope that the British Government will take energetic measures to prevent troops in the foreign areas from being molested in future by the belligerents.—Trans-Ocean.

COMPENSATION OFFER LIKELY

Shanghai, To-day.

It is suggested that the Japanese Government is prepared to make compensation to the British authorities for the Keswick Road incident.

The Japanese command is conducting a strict investigation into the incident "with a view to taking necessary measures in regard to the airman concerned."

Meanwhile it has just been revealed that two Germans were among the riders on Keswick Road who suffered in the incident.

According to Reuter, the German Consul-General has drawn the attention of Mr. Okamoto, the Japanese Consul-General, to the fact that two Germans were fired on by the Japanese plane.

One of them was injured when he was thrown off his horse into a ditch.

BOTH SLIGHTLY WOUNDED

Trans-Ocean, however, giving the names of the Germans as Herren Becker and Pfug, says that both men were slightly wounded.

Trans-Ocean also reports that following the German protest, the Japanese Consul-General himself tendered in personal apologies to the acting German Consul-General.

COURT MARTIAL PROBABLE

Shanghai, To-day.

Admiral Hasegawa, Japanese commander-in-chief, has ordered that the Japanese airman responsible for the killing of Rfn. McGowan in the Keswick Road incident on Sunday, shall be court-martialled.

Preliminary enquiry into the affair has already been opened.

A statement by the British Consul yesterday stated that the incident, being considered too important to be dealt with locally, had been placed in the hands of the British Government.—Trans-Ocean.

FRENCH NAVY CHIEF IN LONDON

London, To-day.

Admiral Durand Viel, until recently Chief of Staff of the French Navy, arrived in London yesterday.

It has not been revealed whether he is visiting the British capital in an official or a private capacity.—Trans-Ocean.

FRENCH SHIPS MENACED OFF SPAIN

Paris, To-day.

A French freighter was bombed by an unknown plane when about 50 miles east of Barcelona.

The vessel was hit in the bows and the stern is now high out of the water.

A tug has left Toulon for the scene.

Another French steamer was held up yesterday by a cruiser of own way.—Trans-Ocean.

KWANGSI SENDS 200,000 MEN TO WAR ZONES

Shanghai, To-day.

According to the Kwangsi Military Headquarters, Kwangsi Province has already sent 200,000 fully trained men to the Yangtze Valley and North China to fight the Japanese while another 200,000 are receiving intense training in preparation.

More than 40,000 are concentrated in Pootung across the River from the International Settlement and their guns have been a constant source of anxiety to the Japanese, repeatedly shelling Japanese warships and bases in Hongkew.

Indications of a further attempt by the Japanese to effect a landing on the Pootung side, although they have proved unsuccessful at severe cost in the past, have led to an intensification of effort by the Kwangsi troops, who have prepared formidable defence lines and an intricate coast defence system.—Our Own Correspondent.

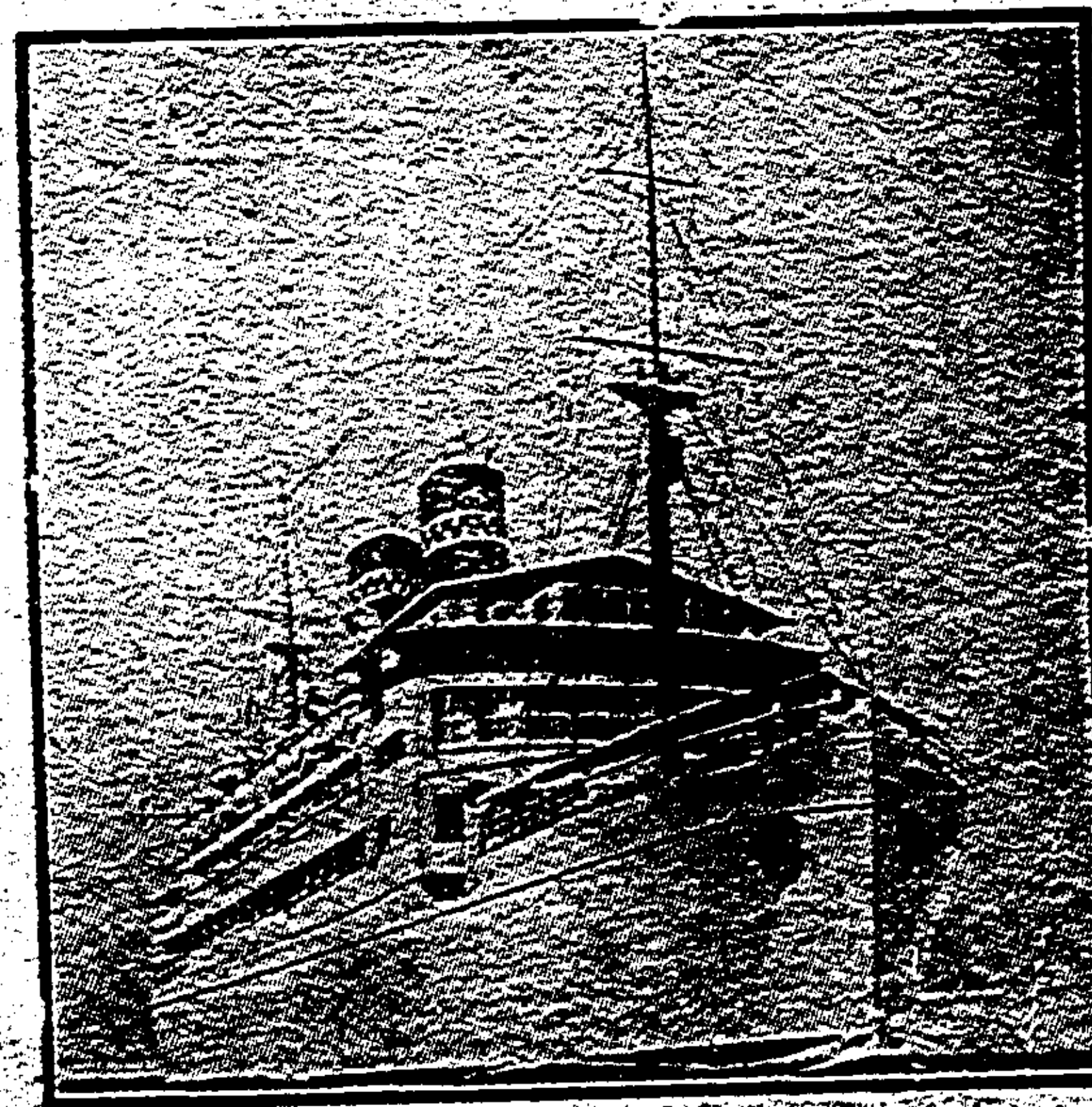
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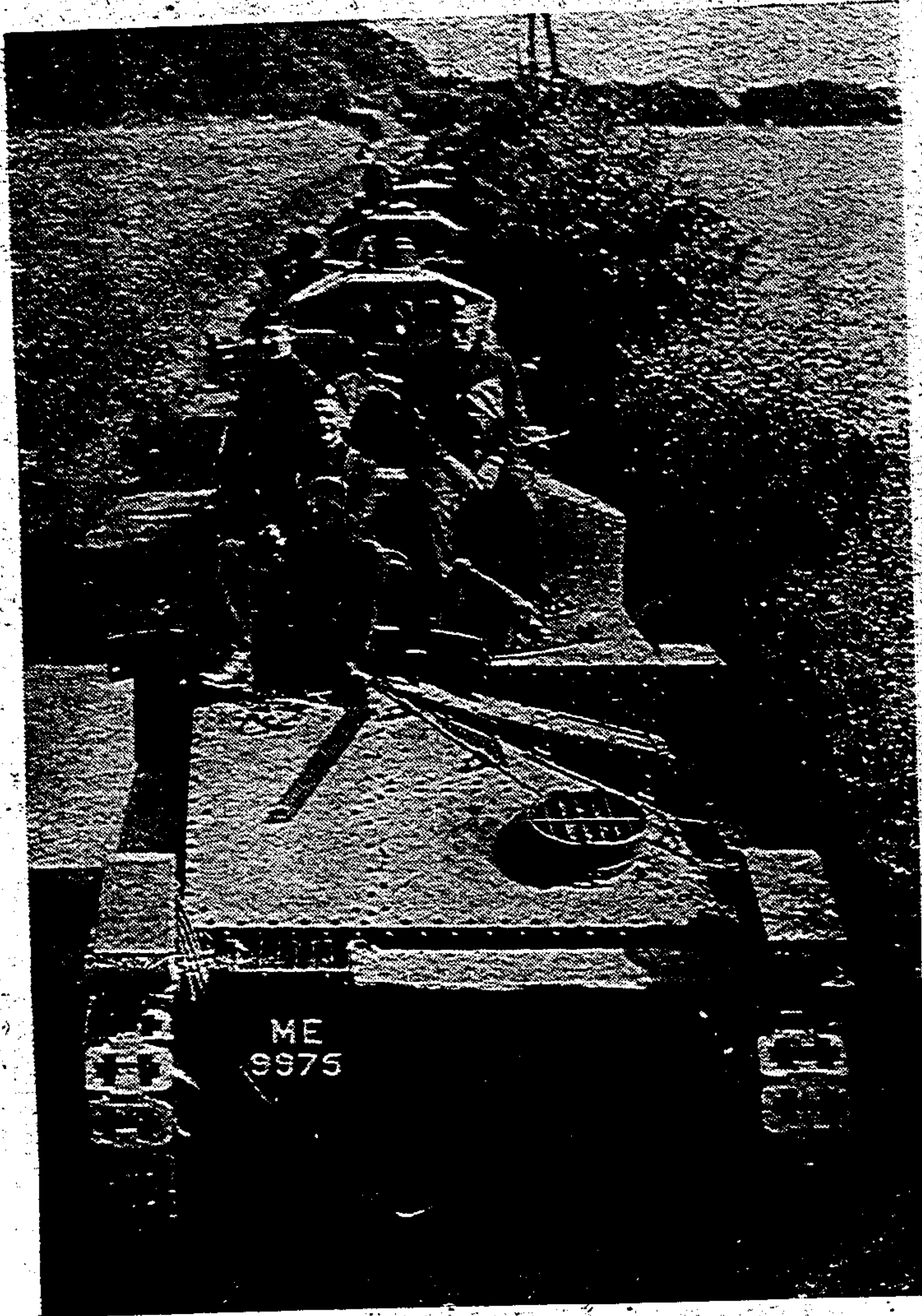
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Infantry advancing behind tanks. A picture taken during the recent manoeuvres of the German army.



Battalions of the 1st Tank Brigade — a unit which will in future form part of the mobile division — are going through their final evolutions of the season on Salisbury Plain. The manoeuvre takes the form of an interesting experiment of penetrating a defended position without the aid of wireless. Photo shows — A line of tanks in a narrow country lane in Hampshire, ready to move into action. (Fox Copyright).

JAPANESE DISTURBED

China's Challenge Upsets Military Calculations

Berlin, To-day.

In a "provisional balance-sheet" of the Far Eastern conflict, drawn up by the Tokyo correspondent of the "Frankfurter Zeitung," the conclusion is reached that the resistance offered by the Chinese has taken the Japanese by surprise and has upset their calculations.

The correspondent says that the Japanese themselves admit that the spirit and achievements of the Chinese armies have exceeded all anticipations, and that the successes of the Japanese are neither as rapid or as extensive as had been confidently hoped in Tokyo.

NINE-POWER CONFERENCE PROBLEM

Berlin, To-day.

Interviewed by the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" shortly before the resignation of the Belgian Cabinet, M. Spaak, the Foreign Minister, referring to the Nine-Power Conference at Brussels, said it was faced with an extremely difficult problem.

The Conference, he said, could only solve its task in any degree satisfactorily if it was not organised as a tribunal sitting in judgment over the actions of a certain Power but if the delegates make a sincere effort to smooth down existing differences and views. — Reuter.

Although, according to the correspondent, nobody in Japan, even now, doubts that the war will be brought to a victorious finish within the next few months, it is, nevertheless realised that every month, nay, every week, by which hostilities are prolonged, means for Japan an increase not only of her military but also her economic and political burdens, which in view of her encumbered financial situation, cannot be regarded with a light heart.

BELIEFS SHATTERED

The correspondent says the Japanese high command had not visualised extension of hostilities beyond North China and had also anticipated that operations at Shanghai would be strictly localised.

The Japanese military believed that a few swift and decisive blows suffice to increase Japan's prestige, and that the Japanese political and economic position could be consolidated without any resistance from China. — Trans-Ocean.

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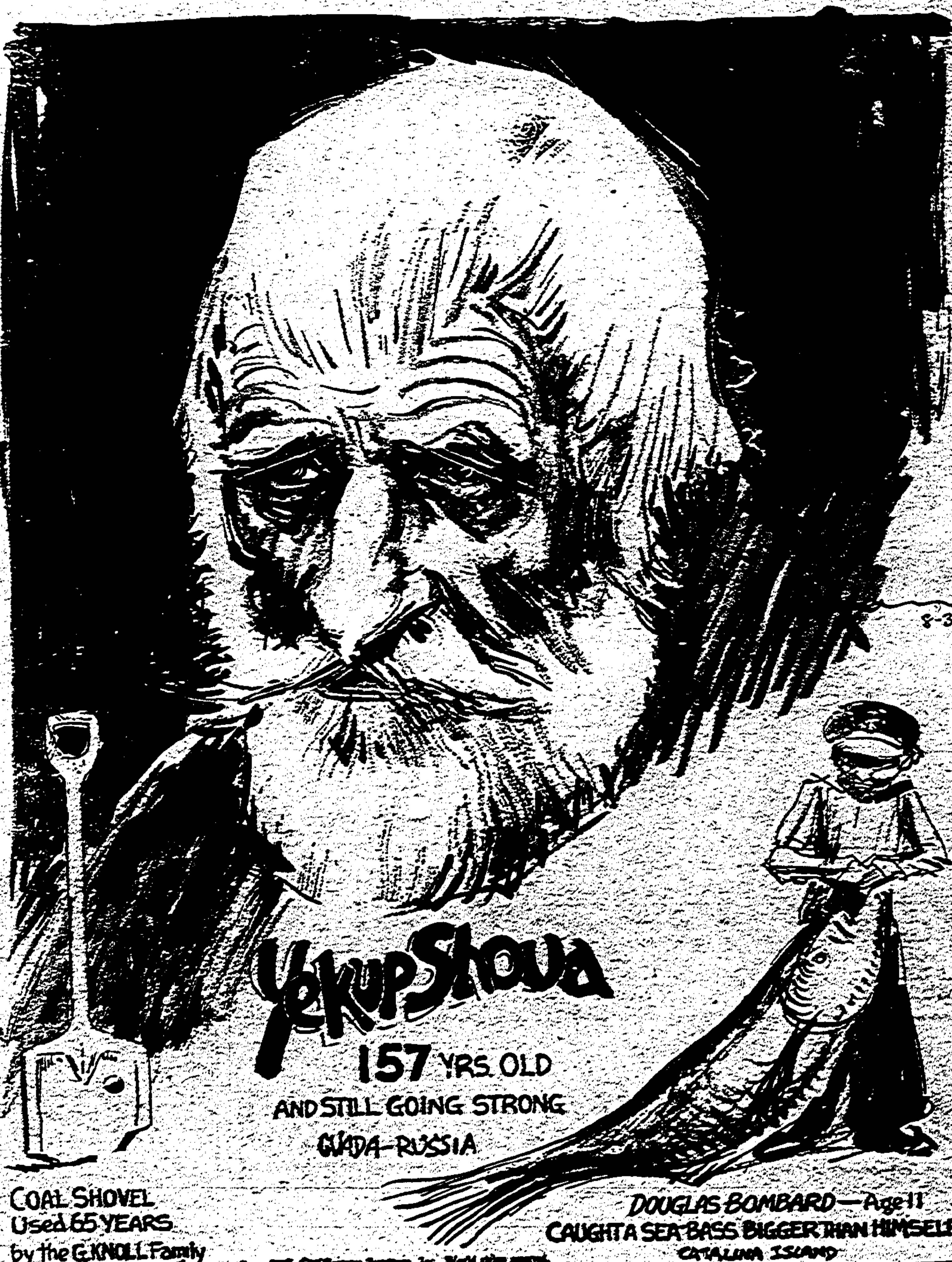
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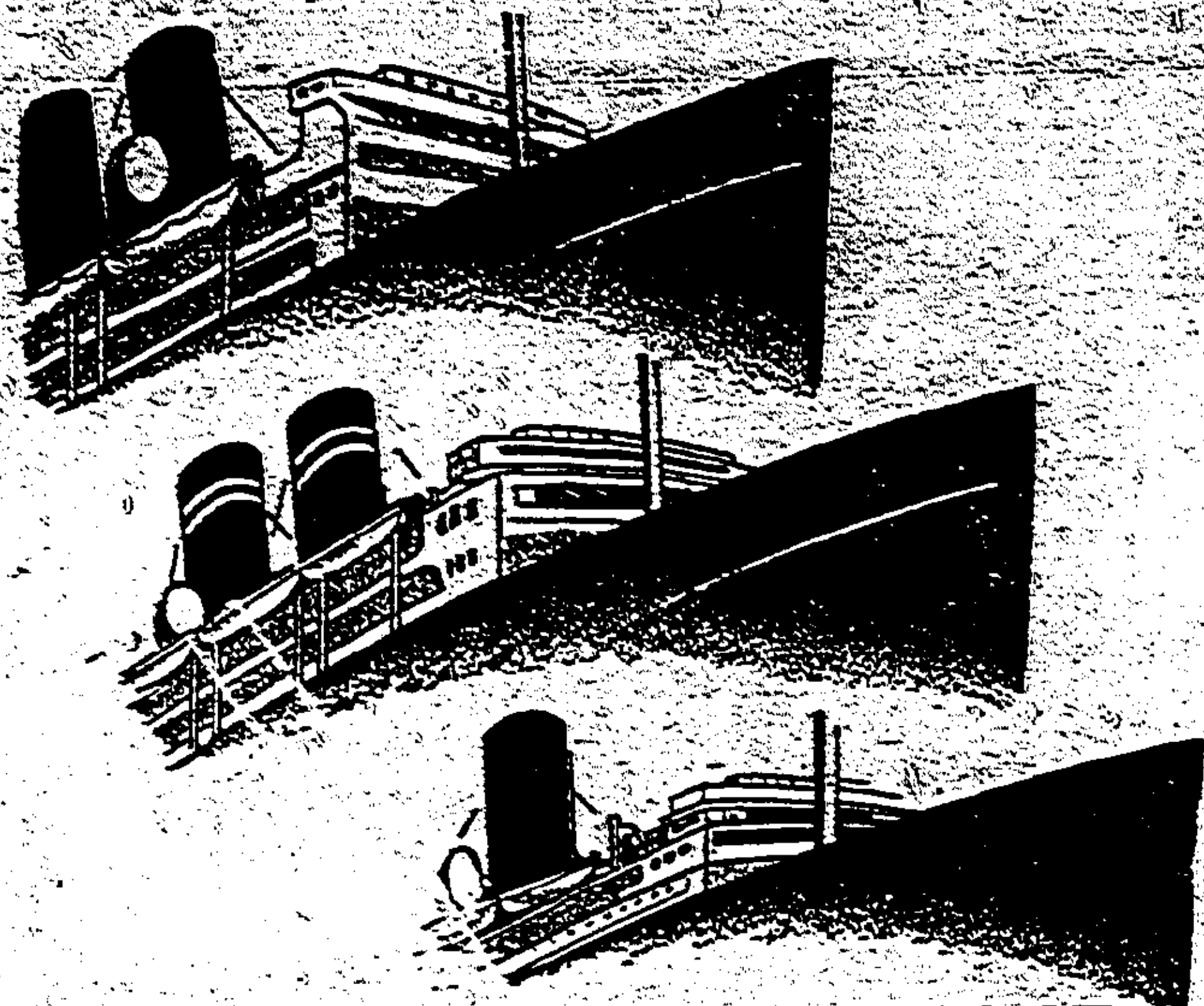
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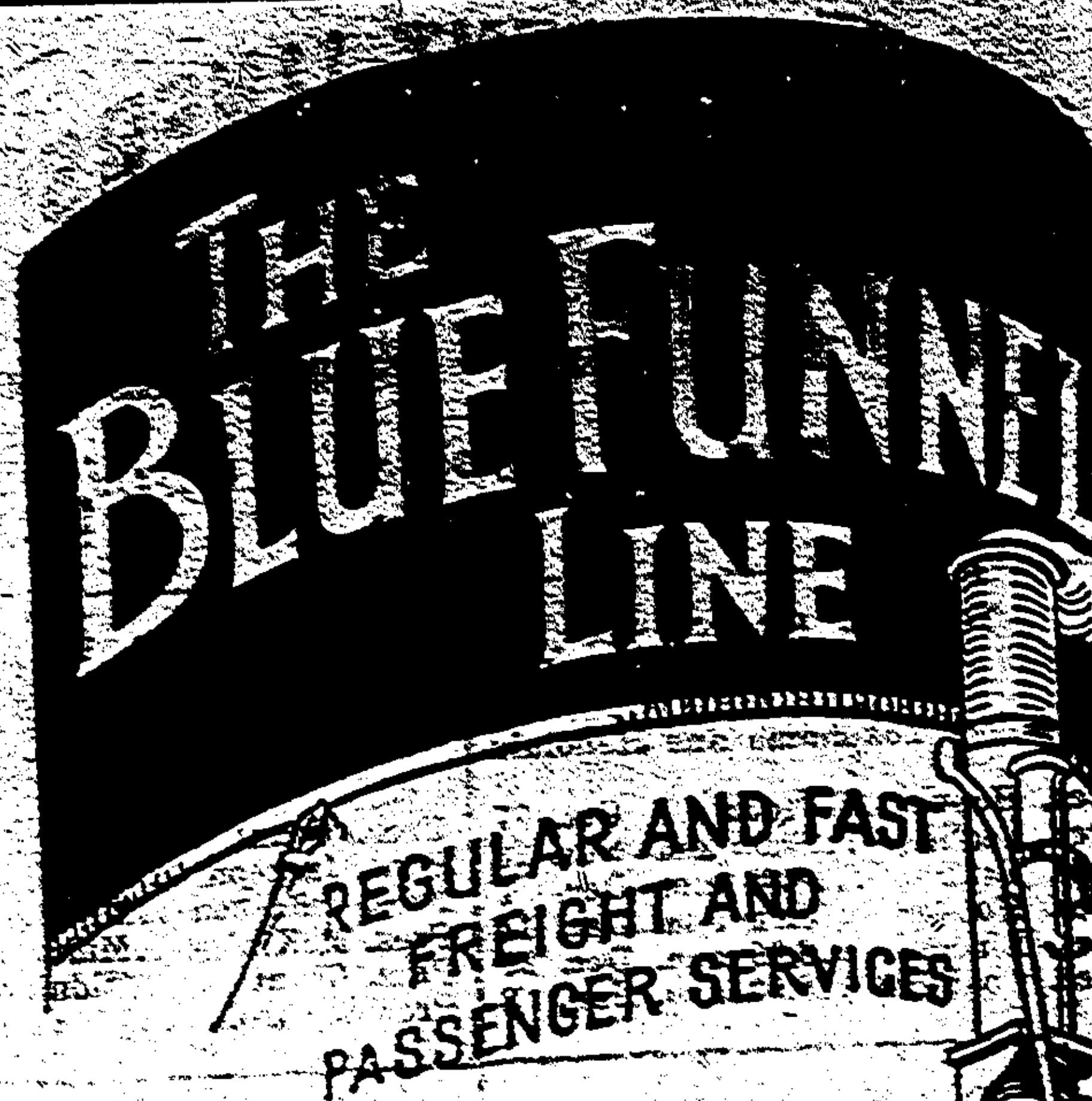
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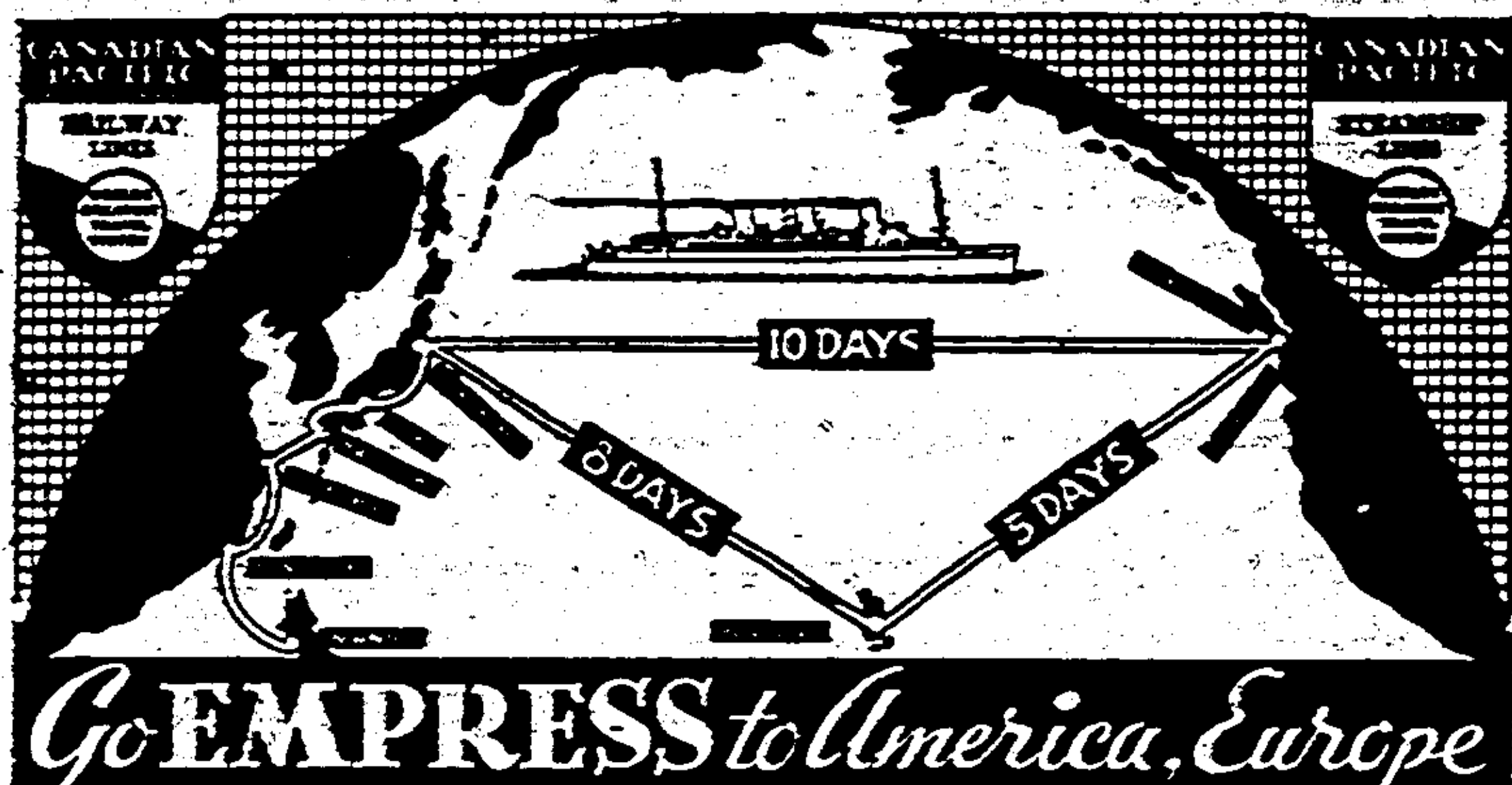
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NEW MOTOR SPEED RECORDS

Frankfurt, To-day.
Bernd Rosemeyer, driving a Auto-Union car on the Frankfurt-Darmstadt highway, yesterday established three new international records in the three to five litre class, all with a flying start.

He reached 346.117 kilometres an hour over five kilometres, 343.562 k.p.h. over five miles and 334.555 k.p.h. over ten kilometres.

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During one run he reached a maximum speed of 409.9 kilometres an hour.—Trans-Ocean.

POLICE SEE 400,000 DRUNKS TERRORISE A CITY

Hundreds of women, appalled by wild, dangerous pranks, fled in terror before the advance of a horde of roistering American Legionnaires in the Broadway district of New York.

Nearly 400,000 ex-soldiers, in New York for the Legion's annual Convention, crazed with drink and excitement, literally took possession of the city.

They lay on their backs in the busiest thoroughfares, held up the traffic, fought their way into private cars, and played practical jokes on women and girls.

Some carried electrical apparatus, disguised as cameras. These they placed against the backs of women, giving them electrical shocks which made them scream with fright.

Police did nothing to protect public, as the Legion is really a powerful political organisation that no officials dare offend.

Dressed in imposing blue and uniforms, the majority of the so-called legionaries never served in the firing line. British and Canadians in New York call it the "Legion of Chocolate Soldiers."

REDUCTION OF U.S. COTTON ACREAGE

Washington, To-day.

A reduction of 2,000,000 acres in the area which farmers who wish to qualify for the Government's benefit may plant cotton in 1938, is announced by the Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Henry A. Wallace.

Officials of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration state that the change was decided on because of this year's unusually large cotton crop.

Original acreage estimate for cotton was 29,000,000 to 31,000,000 acres, which has now been revised to 27,000,000 to 29,000,000 acres.

In order that farmers co-operating in next year's cotton programme should not suffer by the reduction in acreage, the rate of benefit payments is simultaneously increased from two cents to 2.4 cents per lb.

Officials estimate that the smaller acreage will mean a reduction of about 680,000 bales in the 1938 crop.—Reuter.

SINGAPORE RAW RUBBER

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co., received the following quotations from Singapore in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

Nov/December 25-1/8 b. down 5/8
Jan/March 25-1/4 b. down 5/8
April/June 25-3/4 b. down 5/8
Market: Dull.

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WALL STREET PRICES SKY-ROCKET: DRAMATIC AFTER-WEAKNESS RALLY

New York, To-day.

Prices of leading stocks on Wall Street sky rocketed as much as from five to ten dollars in frenzied midday trading in which buyers were faced with a shortage of offerings and literally stampeded in the effort to acquire stocks.

The advance was all the more dramatic in view of the weakness of the market at the opening, but as soon as short interests attempted to cover, they found the greatest difficulty in buying.

The rally started after an order for 5,000 Chrysler shares had been received, and it was found that no sale could be arranged.

It was nearly an hour before the transaction could be completed, and then at a price \$3½ above the previous sale.

The turnover in the day's trading was 2,340,000 shares.—Reuter.

MARKET REPORT

S. E. Levy and Company received the following report this morning—The volume and the extent of today's gain can reasonably be explained by anyone of the following reasons:

- (1) technical grounds;
- (2) rumours of fears of higher margins for short sales, which induced short interests to cover their commitments;
- (3) expectation of some special development at this week's United States Steel Corporation and Chrysler Motor Company meetings.

In the absence of any likelihood of a sudden improvement in the near-term business outlook, the sole apparent explanation for to-day's strength would seem to be anticipation of political news having favourable implications on industry. Such hope is without sufficient foundation just yet to warrant any change in the policy of limiting fresh purchases to weakness and selling part of the recently acquired holdings on strength.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS
Hong Kong Bank \$1570 b.

INSURANCES
Union Ins. \$506 b.

SHIPPING
H. K. Steamboats \$9 s.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.) \$51 b.
Indo-Chinas (Def.) \$43 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.
H. K. and K. Wharves \$112 b.
H. K. and W. Docks \$27.80 b., \$28 sa.
Providents (Old) \$2.20 b., \$2.20 sa.
Providents (New) \$32½ b.
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.
H. K. and S. Hotels \$5.30 b., \$5.30/- 35 sa.

PUBLIC UTILITIES
H. K. Tramways \$13½ b.
Star Ferries \$81 b.
Yammat Ferries \$24½ b., \$24½ sa.
China Lights (Old) \$11½ b., \$11.60/- 85 sa.
China Lights (New) \$11½ b.
H. K. Electric \$54½ b.
Telephones (Old) \$25½ b., \$25 sa.
Telephones (New) \$9 b.
INDUSTRIALS
Cements \$12.55 b.
STORES, &C.
Dairy Farms \$24.60 b.
Watsons \$4½ b.
Wm. Powell, Ltd. 40 cts. b.

MISCELLANEOUS
H. K. Govt. 4% Loan 6¼ pm. s.

TIN QUOTA REDUCTION PROBABLE

London, To-day.

Following yesterday's meeting of the International Tin Committee it was announced that the Committee considered the question of fixation of the quota for the first quarter of 1938.

On review of all the information at present available, they reached the conclusion that the quota should be 85 per cent. but a definite decision would not be taken until the meeting on December 10.

Reuter is reliably informed that the Committee, in stating that the first quarter quota should be 85 per cent., based on present information, implies that they are prepared to reduce the output at the annual rate of 25,000 to 30,000 tons.—Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR

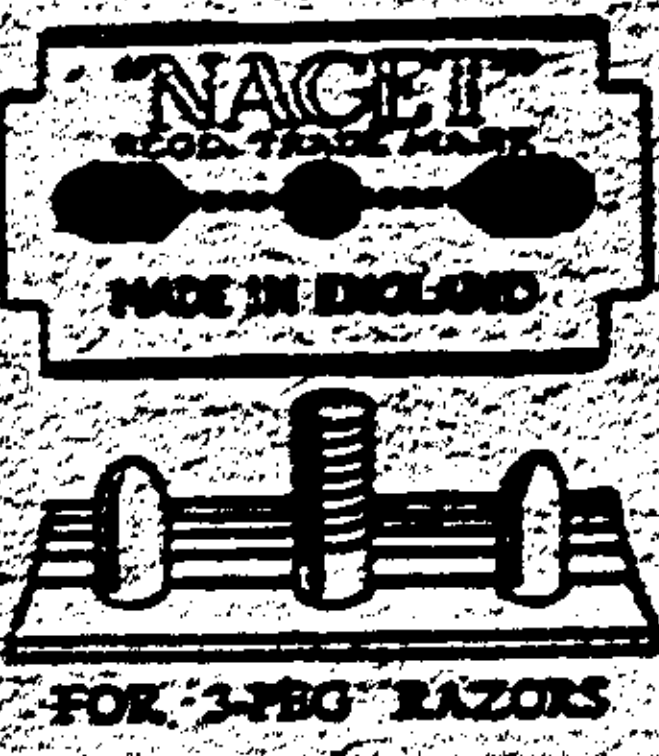
The demand rate of the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2%.

"Spot" silver was quoted at 19-15/16 and "forward" at 19%.

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(By "ADREM")

ALTHOUGH St. Andrew's beat them by the only goal scored during a match on Murray Parade Ground yesterday, the Seaforth Ladies, who this season make their debut in the ranks of local ladies' hockey, were far from being disgraced.

St. Andrew's were not at full strength, but with the cream of their schoolgirl talent, stiffened by one or two others of their regular first team, they were a combination to command respect and full credit must be given to their opponents for an extraordinarily plucky display.

WITH A LITTLE MORE FORTUNE, THEY MIGHT VERY WELL HAVE EQUALISED AND ACTUALLY, ON THE RUN OF THE PLAY, A DRAW WOULD HAVE BEEN THE FAIREST RESULT.

The Seaforth Regiment arrived here last January and it was not until then that their ladies decided to take up the game. Coached by the regimental padre, they started two months after their arrival, with the majority of them complete novices.

ENTER BRAUN CUP
So enthusiastically have they applied themselves in the intervening period, that they have now advanced sufficiently to enter a team in the Braun Cup Competition and judging by their display yesterday, they should do quite as well as many teams participating.

I would not, however, at this stage, describe the team as polished, although several players already show talent far above the ordinary and at the present rate of progress, appear quite capable of finding their way into representative games.

The biggest general fault, so far as I could see, was the inability, on the part of several ladies, to use their sticks effectively.

Thus, one would see a forward, beautifully positioned, snap up a pass with fair skill, make ground, and with commendable promptitude steady herself to centre, and then, with the ball practically teed up, wave her stick frantically back and forth in an attempt to strike the elusive sphere until eventually a Saints' defender, with method far from saintlike, would smack the ball far into enemy territory.

MATCH EXPERIENCE
These things will happen! When the Seaforth ladies have learned to hit the ball on the run and keep their positions a little better, their coach should be well satisfied. Polish and a knowledge of the finer points of the game will come with the match experience they will gain in competition in the Braun Cup.

So much for the team generally. Individually the finest player was undoubtedly Mrs. Gunby, in the pivotal position. She was in every sense of the word, the player on whom the side hinged. In attack she was dashing and in defence quick and robust with her tackling and strong with her clearances. Without wishing to detract from the merit of the rest of the team, I feel, with great power,

that she it was, who was mainly responsible for the narrowness of the result.

MRS. AKROYD'S SPEED
Mrs. McLeod at right-back was also good as was Mrs. Wilkes, while in attack Mrs. Akroyd and Miss Paterson gave excellent accounts of themselves.

The former revealed an amazing turn of speed and in the second half was responsible for easily the most spectacular movement in the game.

Receiving the ball well within her own territory, she went through the opposition defence like a flash but after making a solo run which carried her to within shooting distance, was unfortunate to be robbed by Mrs. Vessoon.

The Saints display must be considered slightly disappointing. With the talent at their disposal they should have done very much better than they did. All their movements



lacked cohesion and at forward especially, they preferred, on nearly every occasion, to attempt to go through on their own rather than pass to an unmarked contemporary.

MISS ROBERTS OUTSTANDING
Outstanding in the side was Miss Stella Roberts, at inside-left. She is a speedy player with aggressive methods and is a great worker. Hers is just the type of game so badly needed in the senior team and I hope to see her promoted in the not too distant future.

Miss Eva Churn and Miss Drew on the right and left wings respectively, also revealed considerable promise and I was especially impressed with the latter's flick-passes into the centre. This young lady is a player to be watched.

GOOD SPOILER
In defence, Miss Joyce Humphrey was instrumental in breaking up many a promising attacking movement on the part of the opposition. Playing at centre-half, she lies well up the field and clears



H. D. Bidwell, the brilliant Club centre-threequarter, is seen above with the ball, breaking away in a characteristic run against the Army first fifteen last Saturday week in their friendly senior Rugby match.

She would do well, however, to make more of her opportunities to send her forwards away. At the moment she is very prone to clear haphazardly even when not under pressure.

Miss Janet Broadbridge also played very well at right-back and showed that she is infinitely more at home in that position than in the attack, where she was featured last season.

Miss June Hall, in goal, was not called upon very often, but dealt with anything that came her way with her usual coolness.

PLAY GENERALLY SCRAPPY
There is little to be said for the play. On the whole it was scrappy. The Saints went close several times in the first half but the Seaforths' defence proved equal to every occasion.

The second half was more or less a repetition until Miss Roberts snapped up a nice pass from Miss Eva Churn on the right-wing, and netted with a first-timer which gave Mrs. Kiel no chance.

Thereafter the most exciting episode was Mrs. Akroyd's electrifying run down the centre and one other fierce attack on the part of the Seaforths which the Saints' defence just managed to hold off.

GOOD LUCK SEAFORTHS
The large crowd of spectators both on the touchline and at the windows of the adjacent Murray Barracks, gave a striking indication of the tremendous interest which ladies' hockey has aroused throughout the Colony in general, and the Seaforth Regiment in particular, and I will conclude by wishing that team all the success in their new venture, which their enthusiasm makes them deserving of.

Teams:
Seaforth Ladies:—Mrs. Kiel, Mrs. McLeod and Mrs. Wilkes; Mrs. Gunby and Mrs. Wilkes; Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Akroyd, Miss Paterson and Mrs. Hutton.
St. Andrew's Ladies:—The Misses J. Hall, J. Broadbridge and E. Chang; J. Humphreys, M. Vessoon and B. Greaves; E. Churn, V. Churn, Y. Ho, S. Roberts and D. Drew.

S. AND S. HOME AND BADMINTON

Will Play Friendlies But Not Enter League

(By "ACE")

Although they are not entering the Badminton League this season, the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home are still maintaining interest in the game, friendly matches being indulged in on Monday and Thursday evenings, when the court is open.

Friendly matches with other civilian clubs will be arranged from time to time throughout the season.

MCAVOY RETAINS HIS TITLE

T.K.O. DECISION Over Hyams

Manchester, To-day.

Jock McAvoy, of Rochdale, last night successfully defended his British Middleweight boxing title last night when he beat Jack Hyams, the London Taxi-driver, on a technical knock-out in the 11th round.

A bad cut under Hyams' left eye which he sustained in the sixth round and which ended in blood streaming down his face at the end of the 11th round, prompted the Referee in ending the clash at that stage and awarding the verdict to McAvoy.—Reuter.

H.K.C.C. ANNUAL MEETING

Subscription Raised

That the gate receipts for the Annual Lawn tennis tournaments showed a sad falling off last season, due to the fact that there were no new outstanding players and perhaps to a degree, to rather high charges for admission to the stand, and that the tennis sub-committee were formulating a satisfactory scheme before the next tournament takes place, was mentioned by Mr. H. R. B. Hancock, president of the Hong Kong Cricket Club at the annual general meeting held in the Club pavilion yesterday.

Following the general meeting, an extraordinary meeting was held, when a resolution to the amendment of the Articles of Association of the Club to permit the subscription of playing members and subscribers to be raised, one dollar a month, was passed unanimously.

The following were re-elected members of the Committee:—Mr. H. R. B. Hancock (President), Mr. P. M. Hodgson, Mr. A. W. Hayward, Mr. A. C. I. Bowker, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. J. R. Collis, Mr. V. R. Gordon, Mr. E. Owen Hughes, Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell, Mr. G. W. Sewell and Mr. A. K. Mackenzie, Hon. Secretary.

and any servicemen wishing to play for the institution are requested to report to Mr. Edwards at the Home.

Owing to the uncertainty of naval movements and with some of the troops away, the S. and S. Home would find it difficult to fulfill their League obligations if they had entered the League.

JIMMY JOHNSTON OUSTED AT LAST

MONARCH IN ART OF PROMOTION LOSES SUPPORTERS COULDN'T GET HIS CLAWS INTO JOE LOUIS

MIKE JACOBS MAKES WORTHY SUCCESSOR

(By "JIM DONALD")

Sydney, September 18.

JIMMY JOHNSTON, for years general manager at Madison Square Garden, and Czar of boxing promotion in New York, has, at long last, bowed to the inevitable and stepped down and out of the big promotion picture.

FOR A LONG, LONG TIME JOHNSTON WAS MONARCH OF THE BOXING GAME IN MANHATTAN. HE AND THE NOTORIOUS OWNEY MADDEN WERE THE ONLY BRITISHERS WHO EVER DEVELOPED INTO "BIG SHOTS" IN THE U.S.A.

Johnston bossed the boxing racket and Madden, who, unlike Capone, shunned the limelight, reached heights of racketeering undreamed of by the "carefree" Chicago hoodlum. Both Johnston and Madden were born in Liverpool.

Johnston rose to power when the Madison Square Garden Corporation was remodelled after Tex Richard's death. The Englishman "organised" the shareholders and was voted into the general managership. Astute political (Tammany) wirepulling gained him the support of the New York Boxing Commission.

Unfortunately, an influential section of the sporting Press remained hostile to Johnston and his Tammany cohorts.

TACTLESS AT TIMES

Brusque and tactless at times, and inclined to ride a very high horse, Johnston fell foul of sports editors of high calibre and good repute, such as Dan Parker, "Mirror" Columnist, and Joe Williams, of "Telegraph" fame. Parker sarcastically named Johnston and his clique "The royal family garden party."

For years the Johnston coterie ruled the Madison Square Garden roost and Chief "Jimmy" had a large finger in every championship bout pie.

The writing appeared on the wall when Joe Louis flashed like a meteor on the heavyweight fistie firmament.

COULDN'T HOOK BOMBER

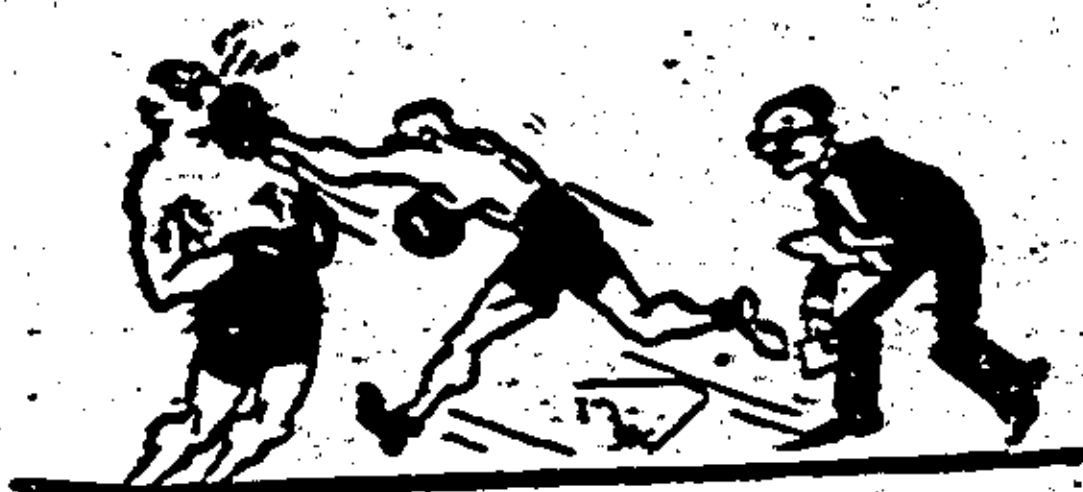
Carnera, Baer, and later Braddock, worked under the Johnston banner, but "Big Chief" Johnston couldn't get his hooks into the sensational "Brown Bomber."

Clever Mr. Mike Jacobs had beaten him (Johnston) to the big prize. Eighteen months ago Jacobs came into the open and challenged the supremacy of the Garden "royal family."

The Schmeling-Louis fight was the first big gun fired. Since then the Johnston power in pugilistic politics has rapidly declined. The big New York fights went to the Yankee Stadium and the 20th Century arena controlled by Jacobs.

A few weeks ago Johnston lost the general managership. At the Gaby (broad jump), D. Odum (high time of writing the former Czar's jump), D. Gardner (high jump), G. intentions are somewhat obscure. Lunn (javelin), K. Connall (javelin).

It is rumoured that he has taken in. The amount of funds available over Bob Pastor's contract and will decide the final team.



groom the young New Yorker into the position of challenger for Louis's title.

SOME COMMENTS

Commenting on Johnston's retirement, in a letter written a few weeks ago in New York, Charlie Lucas has this to say:

"Jimmy Johnston can best be described by saying that he is 'the most hated, best-liked man in the American fight game.'"

"Mike Jacobs now steps in and, no doubt, will succeed where Jimmy failed. 'But the positions are different. Jacobs is his own boss. Jimmy had to contend with directors who knew nothing about the fight game.'"

KNOWS TOO MUCH

"Everybody is asking, 'What will Johnston do now?'" The answer is plenty. That Johnston knows more about boxing promotion than any other man in the country is admitted by his enemies. Some have gone so far as to say He Knows Too Much About It.

"Mike Jacobs would like Johnston to work with him. But Jimmy is a lone wolf. He doesn't like people too close about him. 'Johnston will fight Jacobs tooth and nail. 'Jacobs has Joe Louis and lots of money. 'Johnston has Bob Pastor, a little money, and tons of pep. 'It will be interesting to see how the rivalry works out.'"

BRITISH WOMEN FOR SYDNEY

Nine women athletes have been selected provisionally for England's team for the 1938 Empire Games in Sydney. They are: W. Jeffreys (sprints), D. Saunders (sprints), L. Chalmers (sprints), M. Holloway (sprints), K. Tiffin (hurdles), E. D. Odum (high jump), D. Gardner (high jump), G. intentions are somewhat obscure. Lunn (javelin), K. Connall (javelin).



Joe Louis, above, was snatched up by Promoter Mike Jacobs and has contributed to the downfall of Jimmy Johnston, former Czar of Madison Square Gardens.

R.E.S. WYATT AND WARWICK DISAGREE

London, To-day.

Peter Cranmer, the English International Rugby "cap," will captain the Warwickshire County Cricket Club next season in succession to R. E. S. Wyatt.

The Warwickshire executive committee to-day said they had unanimously decided that "a change in captaincy is in the best interests of the Club."

There has been talk of Wyatt joining Surrey, for which county he has a birth qualification, but nothing has been definitely settled. Reuter.

BLOW FOR BRITISH TENNIS

Sydney, September 18.

Charles Hare, the British tennis star, declares that next year will be his last in international tennis.

England sadly misses Fred Perry. Tuckey has said farewell to international tennis, and Bunny Austin will be unable, owing to business reasons, to compete in the Davis Cup matches during the early rounds in 1938 tournament.

Miss Dorothy Round has decided that matrimony and tennis do not mix. This year is her last in tennis tournaments. The loss of these stars tends to make the next meeting of the Lawn Tennis Association a lively one.

The mandarins of British tennis will find the provincial representatives saying a few things. The provinces may now be given a chance to produce their budding stars, a chance long denied them when the L.T.A. felt it could afford to ignore O'Donnell (Preston), McPhail (Rangers), Duncan (Derby). Reuter.

"AUSSIE" TEST CRICKET TOUR

TREASURER NOT LIKELY TO BE SELECTED

THE POSSIBLE SELECTORS

(By J. C. DAVIS)

Sydney, September 23.

When the Australian Cricket Board of Control meets in Sydney this Wednesday, cricketers will be on the qui vive. They are most interested in the important appointments of manager and selectors of the Australian Eleven for England.

The selectors carry out their task in honorary capacity, of course. But the manager receives £800 for his services, plus all expenses. The former receive the honour and the kicks. The latter, the honour, the glory, and the cash.

The Board will also select a treasurer if it perpetuates the custom of the last two teams touring England. The treasurer may be the best of good fellows. But the position is unnecessary.

This time the Board may fall into line with public opinion and determine not to send a treasurer, and not to make the managership a sinecure.

BRADMAN A SELECTOR

Don Bradman, as prospective captain, is sure to be the South Australian member of the selection committee, E. A. Dwyer, who held similar office in 1934, and again last summer, is sure to be the New South Wales representative. And it is believed that W. Johnston will again be the Victorian on the committee.

If this pans out as indicated the selectors will be experienced men in the work. Collectively they should be well fitted to determine on the best types to choose for moulding a real team, with the spare parts fit to take leading parts at any time.

16 PLAYERS

The Board is likely to determine on sixteen players. The moderns in cricket, as a rule, favour that number. Others who know what was achieved by great earlier teams prefer fourteen players. But other times other ideas—and other coffers. (Continued on Page 20)

SCOTLAND'S ELEVEN

London, To-day.

The following will represent Scotland in the International Football contest against Wales at Cardiff on October 30.

Dawson (Rangers); Anderson (Hearts); Cummings (Villa); Masie (Villa); Simpson (Rangers); Brown (Rangers); Main (Rangers); Walker (Hearts); Frank (Hearts); O'Donnell (Preston); McPhail (Rangers); Duncan (Derby). Reuter.

HOW WOODERSON BROKE RECORD COMPLETE DETAILS OF SENSATIONAL MILE RUN

LAP TIMES REVEAL REST IN 2ND AND 3RD LAPS

(By "THE RANGER")

Sydney, September 23.

ALL British countries were thrilled last month when S. C. Wooderson regained for England the world's one mile record after it had been held by other countries for over fifty years. Wooderson was timed by four watches, three of which had been officially tested. The three official watches registered 4min. 6.4sec., and the unofficial one 4min. 6.6sec.

AS THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS STIPULATE AT LEAST THREE WATCHES. THE TIME REGISTERED BY THE THREE OFFICIAL TIME-PIECES IS IN ORDER. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE RACE THE COURSE WAS MEASURED AND FOUND CORRECT.

A world's record can only be made in a bona fide competition, either scratch or handicap, which has been duly fixed and advertised before the day.

The Amateur Athletic Association of England is to go into the facts of Wooderson's record and either accept or reject it. Authorities in England take the view that there is no likelihood of the record being rejected. If England accepts it, detailed information about the run will be forwarded to the International Amateur Athletic Federation, at whose Congress all world's athletic records are passed.

Wooderson's record was made in a special handicap race. Among the pace-making runners were the well-known R. H. Thomas (10 yards), and J. V. Powell (100 yards). Both have real knowledge of pace and were thus eminently suited to draw Wooderson out. Thomas who can run a mile in 4.13 himself, set a fiery pace over the first lap, drawing Wooderson out so well that the latter ran it in 58.6.

Over the second lap, Thomas slackened, but kept ahead; Wooderson slowed down likewise, though he ran at a very even pace over the two middle laps, which were covered in 64s and 64.5s, respectively.

Then as Thomas dropped out of the race at 1000 yards Powell, who was ahead of Wooderson at that stage, played his important part. So well did he give Wooderson the added incentive over the last quarter that the Blackheath Harrier ran it in 59.2sec., finishing a yard and a half in front of Powell. In the last quarter-mile Wooderson picked up 20 yards on Powell, who finished slowing up.

Wooderson, who was born on August 31, 1914, is now 23 years of age. He was 22 at the time he made the record. He runs in glasses. He first came into prominence when as a lad of 19 he ran a mile at the English Public Schools' Sports in 4m 29.8s. In 1936 he made a British mile record of 4m 10.8s.

New South Wales still has the honour of having scored the greatest number of tries in a match against the Springboks, viz. five. Australia's three tries equals the highest number scored in New Zealand—three each of Southland and Springboks to the provincial Hawkes Bay.

"AUSSIE" TEST CRICKET TOPICS

(Continued from Page 19)

Many believe that cricketers are not as tough in the sense physical as they used to be. There may be a little in it. If so, it is not restricted to cricketers. It applies to all sections in sport and—perhaps in life.

ASPIRANTS AS MANAGER

The managership of an Australian Eleven in England has become a prize. This prestige is something. The pleasure is great. These and the emolument make a gilded combination that many seek. Hence we find that Sydney Smith (manager in 1921 and 1926), Roger Hartigan (member of the 1912 team), T. H. Howard (treasurer of the 1930 team), W. H. Jeanes (secretary of the Board), K. O. E. Johnston (secretary of Mosman D.C.C. and a member of the Board), and H. A. Rowe (manager of the Australians in South Africa) are candidates.

Those named include three members of the Board, viz., Messrs. Hartigan, Johnston and Rowe. Though secretary of the Board Mr. Jeanes is not a member of it. It is argued that as he is a paid official—apparently a permanent one—Mr. Jeanes should not be appointed manager of the team. Those who argue in this manner say that, if the secretary to the Board be sent abroad it should be as treasurer.

**Jim
Donald
Says**

Sydney, September 16.
So Farr so good.

This dirt-track racing is a gritty game.

"Betting shops are interfering with cricket."—Through the "ships," of course.

These axemen are always chipping each other.

"Chris Webb has been winning sailing races for 52 years." A very tackful bloke is Chris.

We have a "Who's Who" in racing. What about a "Swats Swats" in boxing.

Live coursing is a hare-raising business.

Even the best sprint swimmers just "crawl" along.

Jack Crawford and Harry Hopman married prominent girl players. Tennis court-ships.

A bookmaker is just a loud speaker gone wrong.



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REFEREES HAVE TOUGH TIME

Sydney, September 23.
Mr. Jeff Nosedá, secretary of the N.S.W. Rugby Union, estimates that the New Zealand Rugby Union will make from £18,000 to £20,000 profit from the Springboks' tour. Of this sum the Springboks get nothing. In Rugby Union, when a touring side visits another country the terms are: All expenses paid, but no share in the profits.

Next season the New Zealanders come to Australia to play in a Test series. We can expect a thoroughly seasoned lot of players among them after their experience against the South Africans.

When New Zealand and South Africa meet next Saturday at Auckland, the match will decide the rubber, each side having won once. (Springboks subsequently won the Rubber). Record attendances have been had all along the route.

HEAT GENERATING

That referees have seen fit to admonish the forwards, and call upon the captains to exercise their restraining influence shows that heat has been generating in several matches. It may be too much to expect the coming Test to pass off without something of this sort being seen.

The African forwards are huge fellows who know their physical strength and use it. When the battle becomes hottest the going will be tough in scrummage and ruck next Saturday.

THEIR CLEAR SUPERIORITY

Since New Zealand won the first Test, South Africa has been unbeaten, having won the last eight matches, and scored 230 points (48 tries, 29 goals, 6 penalty goals, and 3 field goals) to 62 (12 tries, 2 goals, 6 penalty goals, and 1 field goal).

These figures attest the overwhelming superiority of the land—three each of Southland and Springboks to the provincial Hawkes Bay.

WELSH RUGBY UNION ON THE CREST OF WAVE ENCOURAGING THE SCHOOLBOYS INTERNATIONAL PROSPECTS VERY ROSY

Rugby clubs in Wales have approached the present season full of confidence. The indications are that it will be one of the best seasons in the history of the game.

"We are on the crest of a prosperity wave," said a prominent official. "We have an abundance of players, and the youngsters are progressing on the right lines."

LARGER GATES

"Trade has improved in most districts, though much leeway still has to be made up. Many clubs turned the corner financially last year. In the coming months they look for much larger gates and greatly increased receipts."

This hopeful spirit prevails throughout Wales. All the leading clubs have their plans ready, and already club secretaries have been inundated with applications for trials.

In West Wales, particularly, the rekindling of enthusiasm is a tribute in large measure to the organisation and development of ex-schoolboy clubs.

CHEAPER TICKETS

To encourage it still further, many clubs are making substantial concessions in the way of cheaper tickets for attendance at matches, and in the provision of easy facilities for the training of juniors.

From the international point of view, Welsh prospects are rosy. Last season's international players are available again, and it is reasonable to expect that many of the aspiring youngsters will make sufficient progress to challenge the tried players.

NEW ZEALAND SHIELD AT BURHILL

Playing brilliantly in a rainstorm, G. H. Coley (2), with 77 over the Old course and 72 over the testing New course, won the Burhill club's annual competition for the New Zealand Shield, presented to the Club in memory of the time spent there by New Zealand troops during the war. J. W. Dodd (9) and E. W. Carter (10) tied for second place with 151.

ASTON VILLA INVALID

London, September 25.—Maund, the Aston Villa outside-left, who became ill in the match with Norwich City a fortnight ago and was taken to Norwich Hospital suffering from pleurisy, returned to Birmingham yesterday morning and reported at Villa Park. He seemed in fairly good condition, but will not start training for a few days.

The fact that J. C. Stothard beat R. Graham in the mile at Stockholm, which was won in such fast time by San Romani, might appear as added justification for Stothard's inclusion in the Scots team for the Empire Games in Australia.

Sport Quiz

By Jim Donald

Sydney, September 23.

Harold Hawke, the North Adelaide footballer, has travelled 3,600 miles this season to play in matches with his club. He fights the ball.

The "Kangaroos" hopped off all right.

The Presbyterian Fellowship Union held an athletic carnival during the week.—Great Scot!

One Sydney boatbuilder has orders in hand for 14 new craft. I call that sailsmanship.

These pole vaulters are on the up and up.

It used to be neck to knee as regards bathing costumes—now, it's neck or nothing.

The solar plexus punch is a breathtaking performance.

Some pugs spend the greater part of their professional careers on their backs.

Tennis champion falls in love, Racquetty coo.

Where there's a Tee, there's a Caddy, of Course.

Lay of a glove-lorn fighter: "Swing me to sleep, the shadows fall."

Joe Louis will be Schmeling trouble next June.

ENGLISH LEAGUE CAPTAIN INQUIRED

London, September 21.—Young, the Huddersfield centre-half, who was to have captained the Football League against the Scottish League at Ibrox Park, Glasgow, to-morrow, pulled a thigh muscle on Saturday. After a test yesterday he was found to be unfit, and he has been replaced by Gullis, of Wolverhampton Wanderers.

WAINWRIGHT'S RECORD

London, September 25.—Norman Wainwright, the Hanley swimmer, broke the British record for 150 yards free style at Birkenhead last night, covering the distance in 1min 27sec. This beat the previous record held by Stephen de Barany, of Budapest, by 1 3-5sec, established in London in 1928.

AUSTRALIAN TENNIS CHAMPIONS MUST BE ALLOWED TO CONCENTRATE

"SHAMATEURISM" IS A KNOTTY PROBLEM

CONFERENCE OF TENNIS FIRMS AND A.L.T.A. URGED

(By "INTERNATIONAL")

Sydney, September 23.

ONE of the most difficult problems that has confronted the amateur bodies controlling tennis throughout the world, is the ever-increasing commercialisation of leading players and rising juniors. Some critics have referred to players who are employed as representatives of sporting firms as "shamateurs"—which is unfair.

ANY PLAYER WHO WISHES TO ATTAIN CHAMPIONSHIP STANDARD MUST DEVOTE MANY HOURS TO ARDUOUS PRACTICE AND COMPETITIVE PLAY. THE MOST SATISFACTORY WAY TO DO THIS IS TO BE AN EMPLOYEE OF A FIRM WHOSE INTERESTS ARE IN TENNIS.

In Australia the climatic conditions are such that tennis is regarded as an all seasons sport—unlike swimming, cricket, football, etc., it knows no defined season. Consequently leading players who have the ability and inclination, are faced with the prospect of almost continuous play, which would be impossible if it could not be carried on in conjunction with a business pursuit allied to the game.

What happens in the case of University students is significant. I can call to mind many Varsity students that would have ranked much higher in the tennis world if they had spent more hours polishing up their tennis, and competing in tournaments.

Reviewing also other first-class players, who follow commercial pursuits, quite apart from tennis interests, I recall that many of them have, by arduous practice in leisure hours, achieved outstanding performances at various tournaments, and no doubt would have continued to do still better, if they had had the leisure time.

INTERNATIONAL TOURS
A further illustration of the cause of the commercialisation by players of their tennis ability, is international tours.

When a player has attained the ability which secures selection as a national representative, it becomes necessary to be able to be away on tour for over six months, and that's on top of all the time he has had away from business pursuits competing at various tournaments at home. And once a player attains such status he is more or less assured of his position for a number of years.

FACILITIES CAUSED ADVANCE
Australia's tennis has been greatly improved by the advent of facilities which have enabled many young lads and girls to follow a vocation in life, which gives them plenty of opportunity to develop their powers as players, and achieve their ambitions to be champions, while at the same time they are receiving an excellent business training, which, in most instances, would almost surely have not come their way.

Australia, to my way of thinking, owes her present position in the tennis world to-day, to the fact that all her leading players are engaged in commercial activities allied to the tennis game, and are



consequently always available for important matches, or tours.

If these circumstances did not exist, I feel sure the personnel of our national teams would be constantly changing.

TENNIS TOURS

These tours are great preparation for champions in the making, and players constantly together on several tours mould themselves into a very strong combination. But if the commercialisation of tennis was absent here in Australia, I definitely consider that we would these days have an everchanging team, as the players would find it most difficult to continuously obtain necessary leave.

Consequently, I feel sure we would not be the same strong contenders for the Davis Cup.

I feel sure our National Association will evolve some suitable scheme whereby our leading players, both junior and senior, will still be able to pursue their business activities, associated with their tennis capabilities, but in doing so should reach a definite understanding with the various firms that employ our outstanding players, that will obviate the overplaying of these players, which has proved so detrimental.

It is to the advantage of all concerned—the players, the game itself, and those in control of tennis, as well as the firms employing our leading players—that this all-important question should be satisfactorily settled. I sincerely hope the conference of the various employers and the Australian Lawn Tennis Association will bring about a successful arrangement.

EARSIGHTED MOVE MADE IN ENGLISH TENNIS

MAY COPY AMERICA AND CONCENTRATE ON THEIR YOUTH

Sydney, September 23.

ONE or two far-sighted officials in English lawn tennis are going to try to get the L. T. A. to adopt a scheme that will ensure young players of promise having every chance to become stars, says the London "Evening News". The idea is the creation of a central school of tennis on covered courts, with a sort of scholarship system of qualification for coaching. The scheme was turned down last year, but it will be brought up again in the next month or two.

The leading instigator of the scheme is Mr. W. S. E. Dailley, honorary secretary of the Surrey L. T. A. Now that the Davis Cup has left these shores and the prospect of its early return is not very bright, Mr. Dailley thinks the L. T. A. will give rather more thought to his idea than they did when it was first mooted.

Then the finance committee opposed it on the score of the expense involved being too great. "I believe a start could be made," Mr. Dailley told an interviewer, "with an expenditure of, say, \$5,000. If they would build two covered courts and engage two or three regular coaches a lot of good work could be done. The courts could be constructed at Wimbledon or any convenient club ground."

ONLY FOUR COVERED COURTS. "There are thirteen covered courts in Paris and only four in this country," Mr. Dailley pointed out, "while in America they have them all over the place. The best players are developed on wood or hard courts, where the ball makes a true bound."

"What is the good of six lessons to a young player? I say that if he is worth anything at all, he is worth six months coaching."

Mr. Dailley is prepared to see a subsistence allowance given to players while they are being coached. He said that in the United States the authorities approach a promising young player's parents and say, "May we have your boy for six months?" Then they put him in an hotel and look after him for the whole of that time, giving him the right sort of coaching on hard or covered courts.

\$10,000 WOULD NOT HURT. Mr. Dailley is more hopeful of his project being well received this time. He knows that some of the most knowledgeable men in the game are going to back him up. The proposal will probably be put before a meeting of the L. T. A. Council in October, and it will certainly be brought before the general

GERMAN TRIBUTE TO WALLIS MYERS CLASSIFICATION OF TENNIS STARS

Berlin, September 25.

Mr. A. Wallis Myers's classification of the world's best men and women lawn tennis players, has been reproduced in nearly all German papers.

"For 20 years," states the "Koelnische Zeitung" to-day, "Wallis Myers' world ranking lists have been regarded as final authority by all tennis playing nations."

"The verdict of this expert has not always met with the agreement of non-British students of tennis, and Wallis Myers has often been accused of favouring his own countrymen, but no criticism can alter the fact that his ranking list is regarded as the standard by which the strength of the best ten is estimated."

The newspaper expresses appreciation of the fact the German Davis Cup players, Baron von Cramm and H. Henkel, have been placed second and third respectively in the men's list. It is surprised that FrL. Horn, Germany's chief woman player, has been placed eighth in the women's list.

meeting in November. "It would not hurt the L. T. A. if they had to spend \$10,000 on the scheme. They have \$20,000 in the coffers," was Mr. Dailley's parting shot.

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cords
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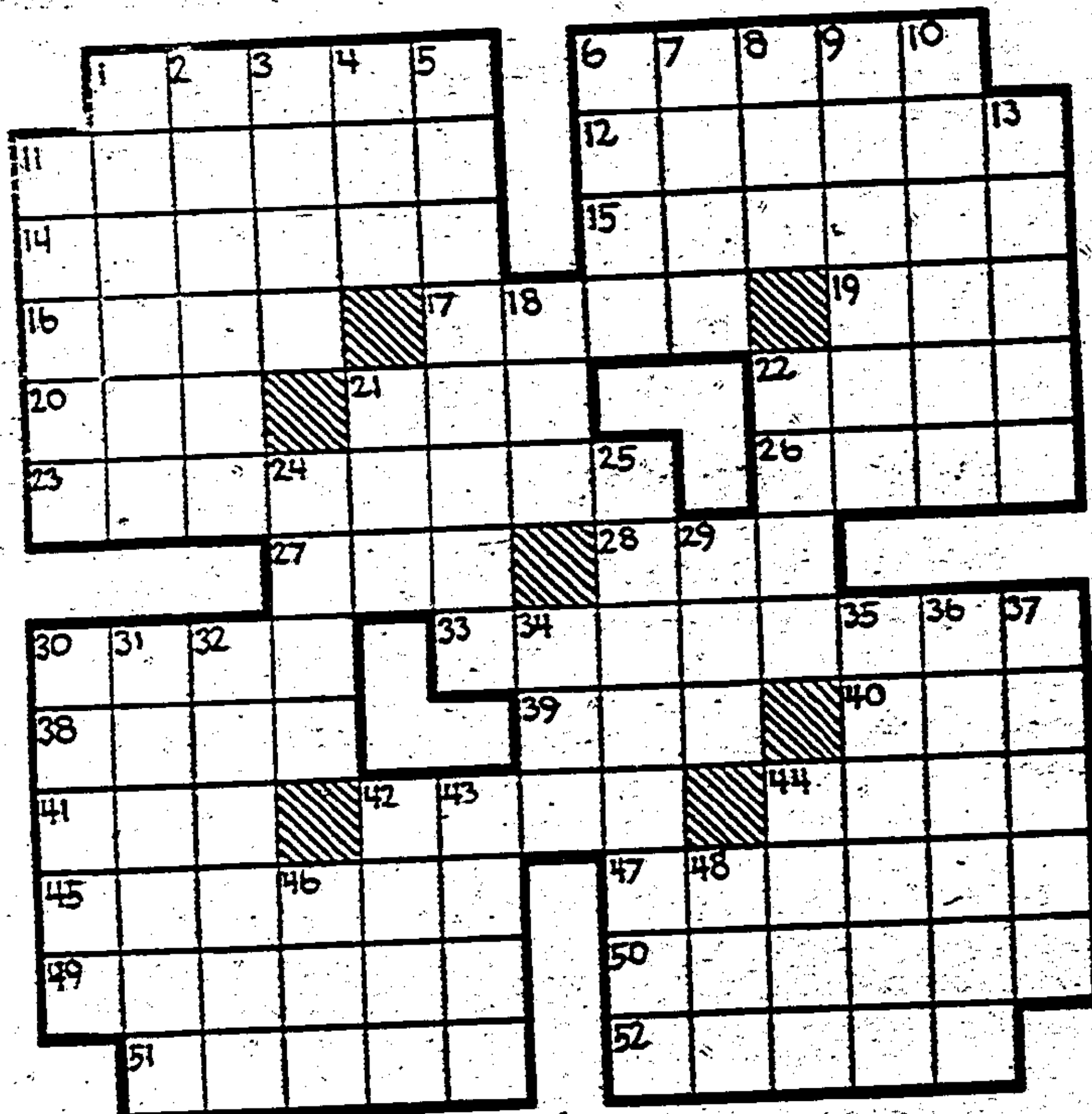
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phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-A gentleman's body
servant | 40-National Education
Association (abbr.) | 12-Dispatches |
| 6-British island in
Mediterranean Sea | 41-Naval officer (abbr.) | 13-Part of a circle |
| 11-Harsh | 42-Segment | 21-The sun |
| 12-Avoids | 43-Freezes | 22-English city famous
for hot springs |
| 14-Rubber | 44-More profound | 24-Attention |
| 15-Demure | 47-Abide | 25-Particle of negative
electricity |
| 16-Principal Egyptian
goddess | 48-A thoroughfare | 26-Combining form.
Outside |
| 17-Small rugs | 50-Harangues | 30-Snow vehicles |
| 19-Press for payment | 51-Chief actors | 31-Dogmas |
| 20-Nothing | 52-Nude | 32-Place between other
things |
| 21-Title | | 34-Corn spike |
| 22-Turn | VERTICAL | 35-Instigate |
| 23-Settle snugly | 1-Versed sine (abbr.) | 36-Wanted |
| 26-Greek god of war | 2-Profits | 37-Matter in aeriform
state (pl.) |
| 27-The arm pit | 3-Smaller | 42-Peck |
| 28-Permit | 4-Before | 43-Sciences |
| 30-Agitate | 5-End | 44-Isaac (Bv.) |
| 33-Bleeding with leaches | 6-Part of a ship | 46-A vegetable |
| 38-Smooth (Phon.) | 7-Birds (Lat.) | 48-Epoch |
| 39-Dead | 8-Guided | |
| | 9-Trapper | |
| | 10-Harmonize | |
| | 11-River in France | |

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle
will appear in to-morrow's issue.

BRITISH ARMY MISSION TO PORTUGAL

London, To-day. A British goodwill mission, composed of representatives of the Army and Navy, will visit Portugal in the near future in order to renew the traditional friendship between the two countries.

The Portuguese Government, it is declared, recently informed the British Government that it regards its alliance with Britain as the basis of its foreign policy, its independence and inviolability of its colonial empire.

The "Evening News" remarks in this connection that Britain is now interested in knowing to what extent she can count upon Portuguese co-operation in view of possible developments in Spain and the Mediterranean.

PORTUGAL'S CHOICE

It is pointed out by the paper that in case a conflict should break out in the Mediterranean, Portugal would be of the utmost value to Britain because of her position.

British also wishes to ascertain, according to the paper, whether in the event of a Franco victory in the Spanish civil war, Portugal would remain aloof from combina-

H.K. SHIP SEIZED BY JAPANESE

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her papers carefully examined, and the master told that his ship would be taken to Formosa for further investigation.

COMPELLED TO FOLLOW

The cruiser compelled her to go to Pong-hu-tai, an island just off the west coast of Formosa, where she was kept for several days, afterwards being ordered to Takow on the Formosan mainland, where the master was informed that the ship would be kept as a prize "at least until after the war is over." All her cargo was landed in Formosa.

The two European officers and the Chinese crew were not ill-treated at any time, but they were given just enough food to keep going and no more. A few days ago they were told they could leave and passage was provided in the Hong Kong Maru.

PANAMA ACTION

Seizure of the Tchekan is now thought to have given rise to the

tions which would "tend to encourage anti-British feeling in the Spanish Peninsula." — Trans-Ocean.

announcement a day or two ago that the Panaman Government had decided not to register any further Chinese ships under the Panaman flag.

The Tchekan, which is still lying in Takow Harbour, is owned by the Ping On Navigation Company, and has been on the Hong Kong-Indo-China run for the last seven years. She should have arrived in Hong Kong on October 2.

Her owners made persistent efforts to get into wireless touch with the steamer, but the Japanese naval boarding party would not permit communication with Hong Kong, and opinion was divided between the possibility of her seizure and loss in the typhoon of October 4.

MESSAGE FROM BLUE

Naval ships watched for her for several days but no trace of her was seen, and hopes had almost been abandoned when the owners, a few days ago, received a short message from Captain Hamman: "Everything is all right. We are in Formosa."

The following day, Captain Hamman's wife received a message: "Everything is all right. Will be back soon."

It is understood that the Consul-General for Panama is sending a report of the seizure to the Panaman Government. The ship was registered in Panama some considerable time ago. The Tchekan is about 1,300 tons gross.

UNPLEASANT SCENE

One unpleasant scene occurred during the interrogation of Captain Hamman in Formosa. He was closely questioned regarding his nationality and antecedents etc. and he was greatly angered when the interrogators poured abuse upon his wife, on his making a reference to her.

NEW SESSION OF PARLIAMENT

London, To-day.

The new session of Parliament, which will be opened to-day with traditional pomp and ceremony, will concern itself more with matters of home than foreign policy.

To-day's proceedings in both the Lords and Commons will be devoted to the debate on the King's speech. — Trans-Ocean.

THE MOST AMAZING MOTHER

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